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Sir

You will doubtless be somewhat surprised at my not returning to sleep at your house as usual tonight, but as it may be some days before I return to Swansea, I have thought it best to send these few hasty lines. I came to see Britton Ferry to day, & met with a gentleman who particularly wished me to go with him to see the works at Margam & afterwards to go with him to his house amongst the hills. I have accepted his invitation, & have in consequence sent this to desire you to take care of my Trunk &c 'tile you hear from or see me, which I expect will be very shortly. In the mean while sh'd any body want my bed you had better let them have it, as I can take any that may happen to be at liberty on my return.

Britton Ferry
Tuesday afternoon

I am
respectfully
Charles Courtenay

of his life – Bristed now moves to No 8 – Paulsgrave Place to this close to the law I begin to think his attachment to my sister grows cool in consequence (partly of some charming married wo-man in Northamptonshire My uncle James calls upon S & me at his house & is very gracious in consequence of a long explanatory letter I wrote to him & I obtain a certificate to go & study in the British Museum library on account of my being engaged in a litterary work & I go in consequence & remain there from 10 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon every day Saturday & Sunday excepted – My first day was on Septr 13th the certificate is for 6 months at the end of which time it must if necessary be renewed – On Sunday Septr 16 – I go with Sam to dine at Carshalton with Jacob Reynolds his amiable

Thomas Hall –
Opposite the Terrace
City road ___

A list of Duplicate Birds in our possession at York

A Horned Owl — good
A Fieldfare — good
A Starling — good
Kingsfisher —
Bullfinch ___

To inquire for & get a number of Artificial Eyes for stuffed Birds ___ ___

To give in my name at the British Museum – soon, or I shall not be able to see it ___

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Bayley dealer in Curiosities - lives at the top of the Hay market

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Exeter Change -

B. George No. 4. Popes head Ally, opposite the Royal Change

If I get any thing of B. George I need not pay for them ——

The Liverian Museum is over Black Friar's bridge - - Savages lives near it - where I am to call & desire them to send some Combs soon

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The Tower

To see Rackstrow's Mu-seum in Fleet street as it is very curious 3/6. is the price

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The Exhibition in Somerset house _ Strand

To see Miſs Linwood work in Hanover squar

Walker's Lectures in Conduit street —

To call upon R. Rose

Dr. Letsome lives at Camberwell Grove the way to it is over London Bridge —

I am to bring an Ansr to Mrs Soames's letter Orchard street

To desire B. George to inquire the character of Messrs. Gardner & Co No. 37. Basinghall street they having sent us a large order — & immediately to send my Father word —

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refuses on acct. of his haughty temper which cannot stoop to ask a favour because he was once refused in the early part

To enquire for Mr Brown at Newark on my return from London

To give the Ambulater to Miss Southeran St Hellens square as soon as I get home.

To see Merlin's

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self in my behalf we parted soon after this interview I received the cold & unfeeling letter from my father dated Sepr 11th 1804 — though my situation could not well be more depressing as my relations (excepting my Aunt Dalton who had not the power) positively refused to assist me My Uncle J. who could obtain for me almost any situation in the Navy or East India service that in order to get that of I which she was so much in want she had taken these means — she concluded by begging me to declare upon mine honour that I would not mention these circumstances as her character would in consequence be blasted for ever — this I was aware of as she had pursued illegal means but I told her she might safely rely upon my honour — she said she had chosen to answer my letter in preference to others (she said she had recd. upwards of 20 in answr. to her advt.) because my name was Fothergill & that she supposed I was related to the Great Dr. Fothergill &c She asked £30 in consideration for her obtaining me the appointment of Captain's clerk — I told her I was very poor — she immediately lowered her demand to £20. I told her that if she got me the situation I wd. give her £20 as soon as I had it & as being she had promised to exert her

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Nothing particular on my journey – except a man called Trigg who was buried on the top of a barn in Stevenage – During his life time he was very eccentric – he lived to be very old – & as the last & greatest eccentricity he desired nay even begg'd that he might be buried on the top of his own barn – thinking that when his body rose again (as according to his belief he should do) he might walk down & see where his house stood – his relations with much ado agreed

8. to it & accordingly he was ~~to~~ carried up to his bier, where he lays to this day incovered with a coffin of clay — a lasting & misera=ble spectacle of a man's folly ———

April 16th. went with my G. Mother into Russell street to see my Aunt ~~[illegible]~~ Fothergill — but she was too much indisposed to see me — I saw Hannah Kendall who was also very ill — but mostly on account of the great dan-ger her sister Sarah was in at Leeds — being in a deep Consumption & not likely to live ———

after parting with my G Mother I went as far as B. George's in Cornhill but he was not at home ——

17th. Went again to B. George but was not at home - I saw his son who calls upon me this evening — I met my old schoolfellow R. Rose in Cheapside I gave him a letter I had for him & he appointed the next evening to meet me - he looked well — from Cornhill. I went into Fleet street — & then into the Strand — I went to Exeter Change to see the Curiosities there — & I was much pleased with the

Birds & Beasts - there
2 Crown'd Pigeons from
india - 2 beautifull
African Storks - a great
many Java sparrows
Maccaw's - Parrots &c &c
a white Crow - a dove
from Botany bay -
there was the largest
Bengal tyger I ever
saw - it was larger than
a good sized Calf in
hight & several feet
longer - there was a
female not so large
which brought forth
3 Cubs last year all
of them died & are now
stuffed for w^{ch} they ask
3 Guineas each - There
was an Elephant but
I have seen much larger

The greatest curiosity was a very large fine Zebra it was the size of a well grown Mule & stripped in a most beautiful & regular manner from head to foot – very tame & was a female there were too many animals to enumerate among the stuffed animals ~~there~~ was a ~~stuffed~~ Rhinocerous – Bison & several others – & many stuffed birds — from here I went along the strand Charing Cross – & to the top of the Hay market – here I called in at Bayley's shop of curiosities I learnt he was just dead & his things were to be sold by Auction – altho they would sell any

thing they had but
as to the birds they were
extravagant to a degree
& indeed every thing else
I gave 1/- for a pair
of birds eyes — wch i quite
an imposition — as I have
bought them at York
for 6d. — I went from
there along Piccadilly
& thro' St. James's &
Hyde Park into
Oxford St & so on to
Newman street where
I found my Aunt
Dalton from Stan-
-more — she looked
extremely well but
had lately met with
a bad accident — by
falling from her
horse — she dined with

us & about ½ past 12 oclock
set off to Stanmore —

this evening I wrote home & I wrote to Samuel to disire him to come to town on Secondday next if he could

16th Went with my G. Mother into St Martins lane to Westminster Meeting — After meeting I went thro' the King's Mews & saw several of his Horses but I did not think them so fine as they are represented to be — I thought his black travelling horses the most likely for work — the cream coloured horses are by far the grandest looking ones — but they are only used upon state occasions — from

the Mews I went into
Pall-Mall here I met
a Nobleman's Burial
wch made a very Magni
=ficent appearance the
Coronet was carried
before the hearse lay'd
upon a red velvet cushion
behind the hearse were
12 Mourning coaches &
4 — — — I went to see
the Orleans' Italian
Picture-gallery wch
is near carlton house
here I was much delighted
by the finest italian
paintings done by the
first artists - viz: Guido
Titian, Raffaelle, Do
=menicho, Francisco
Albano, Antonio Correg
=gio &c &c &c &c

I marked what I thought some of the best in the catalogue $\frac{\text{in}}{\text{to}}$ you buy there, most of the paintings were sold — I think some of them are the finest I ever saw — There was a very brilliant company of ladies & gentlemen indeed most places of this kind in London become lounging places for the great who have nothing else to do — I discovered several critics among them & some from what I heard them say were good judges — I staid here two hours & then returned into Newman st.

After dinner I took a walk towards Aldermanbury to see if Mr Duke had arrived — but met him in Oxford st — almost as soon as I got out he looked much the same as usual — we went to see Watt & Wilmot ~~who~~ ~~were~~ in King's street Golden square — Wilmot & his wife were glad to see me & invited me to come & sup with them some evening — they were as dirty as usual when at York — there were onley Wilmot — young Watt — & another man at work — but I did not think there fine work, equal to ours — we drank a little porter together & then M. D & I. went & called upon Mrs Jones in apple tree yard — from there we went a cross St James's Park & the Parrade — just coming thro' the horse guards

It was Elizabeth
one of the Princesses drove by in a coach & [illegible] attended by servants in the royal livery — I got a very good look at her as she passed within a few yards of me she was very beautifull & dressed quite in a plain way — she was attended by one maid of honour — they drove full gallop they were Black horses seeming by about half blood — but very fine — she had to stop till the guards opened the large gate & there I got a full look she had lively hazel eyes — grecian nose — very much angled — small mouth & light hair — she struck me as being very handsome — We then went to Prescot Place over Westminster

bridge to see M. D's sister Mary – we drank tea here – I thought her by much the handsomest of the family – from here we returned into the city over Black friars bridge – we then went into Aldermanbury & called upon Z. Rose – who went with us to see our old traveller Lancashire – we ate & then went & supp'd at the Georg inn – where we spent the evening very pleasantly – & Z. Rose & Duke set me home to Newman st.

April 19th — After breakfast — I went into Aldermanbury to call upon M. Duke — who went with me to B. George's in Cornhill — to choose out some fishing tackle — — From there we went into the City road (to call upon T. Hale preserver of birds &c &c) by the way of Moor fields — we passed by Bedlam — over Bedlam gates — there are 2 Statues I think some of the finest I ever saw — I heard they have had offers of considerable sums of money for them — & once were attempted to be stolen —

-at T. Hall's there were
a good many very rare
birds - & some Beasts - I
thought them rather
dear - but however I
intend to call again
before I go out of town
& perhaps I shall make
a purchase or two - I
stopped at a shop of
curiosities - the corner
of White cross street
here I made my first
purchase - it was a very
fine Curlew for wch
I gave 15/. - I shall nt
think it Dear if I
get it safe to York
- I returned into New=
man street to Dinner
— About ½ past seven
o'clock in the evening

M. Duke called upon me & we went together to the Peacock in Grease inn lane – where we supped upon Oisters & Burton Ale a very great treat to me – as I never tasted so fine oisters in my life before – we staid till a little after ten – on our way to Newman st. we were attack'd by several parties of St. Giles's nymphs & it was with great difficulty I got away from them – for they were very fierce – & importunate

April 20th. after breakfast - I went into Aldermanbury to see for M. D. but he was not at his inn - from here I went over Black friars bridge to see the Leverian Museum - The curiosities are arranged in a most beautifull manner in small Domes - with a large Dome at the far end - with birds all the way. up to the top - ea: of these rooms has fires & sopha's in them - for the accomodation of ye beholders - I had often heard of this vast collection of Animal & mineral curi

-osities & it fully came up
to my expectations - but
I had a secret pleasure in
observing that I had 2
birds at York which this
Leverian Wonder - did not
possess. - there are not near
so many Beasts as birds -
- there is in one frame the
Largest known Bird &
the smallest ~~-~~ which
forms an astonishing con-
trast in Nature - there
is an Elephant & Hip-
=popotamus in the garden
- in a shed - they look
very fierce - but I was
chiefly taken up with
the birds - wch I dare say
are unrivalled in any
museum in England

— I was much pleased to find a bird with the name to it — like one I have at York — & I never could find any person who could ~~tell~~ tell me the name of it — they have one at this museum but it is extremely scarce — it is the blue headed Bee-Eater from Botany Bay —— —— there are a great many in=dian dresses & arms &c &c — —

— After dinner I went again into Aldermanbury to find Duke — but he was still out — I met T. Rose — in St. Martin le Grand — who ask'd me if

I would go with him to drink a glass of good Ale - accordingly I went with him to a house in Warwick lane - where there was some of the best Ale I ever tasted - after sitting some time I returned into Newman St to Tea —— ~~to~~

— after tea I received a penny post letter from - Mr. Duke - to go to him at his inn about ½ past 8. accordingly I did & supp'd with him - after supper - who should come in but J. Nutt - who I had sought at so many places - I found he had attended some sales of horns &c &c & had made a purchase. he & Duke set me home but on the road we stopped at the york coffee house - $\frac{\text{it}}{\text{is}}$ is kept by a yorks horseman & who takes few people else into his house there were 2 of the best singers I ever heard -

April 21. — Being Sunday - my G. M. & I went to Westminster Meeting - a friend spoke - but I did not know his name - after meeting I joind Cousins Han=

with Kendall & Jepson
& went with them
to Ruſsell street to dine
- before dinner I was
ushered up stairs to see
my Aunt Fothergill
from the Acct I had
heard I expected to have
found her much worse
than I ~~found her~~ did &
through it she looked
tolerably well - she was
very anxious about the
welfare of her distant
relations - she is truly
a Fothergill — Just before
Dinner J. T. Kendall
Thos Jepson & Heny Jepson
came in to dine - & a little
after Jane Watson — I
never saw a young man

was so tall - stout
& bony as J. T. Kendall
he reminded me the
most of a bruiser to
any body else - indeed
J. Jesson did not talk
much short - for
they are like two
great Collossus's J. T. K
offered to go with Saml
(should he come) & me
to Greenwich to see
the shipping, hos-
pital &c &c &c - we
went to the afternoon
meeting - ~~it~~ ca began at
five - it was silent -
After meeting I return-
ed into Newman st
where I found my G.M
conversing with

my Father's old female friend — Nancy Cooper — but I found her quite a different person from what I had heard, she was in the first place — like a tub in point of bodily bulk — would weigh a few stone — & she looked quite as old as my father — with respect to her mind I had not time enough to find it out — but she invited — Sam & I. (sh. he come) to go & breakfast with her at No. 32. Craven street Strand — 4 to I intend accepting —

April 22. After breakfast went to the British Museum to give in my name to see it — & was desired to call again the latter end of the week — From here I went into the Hay market — to know when Baily's sale begun — wch I learnt was to be on the 2nd of May — I then went into Aldermanbury to look for Duke & St Nutt I found them at their inn — we then went all together to see Rackstrow's Museum in Fleet street — which is the most curious — one I ever saw

what Birds & Beasts they
have are very good - But
the Anotomical part is
byfar the Most curious I
ever saw - for particulars
I must look into the ca-
-talogue w^{ch} I have -
- there is in one room the
skeleton of a Whale 70
feet long - I intend (if
I write a further journal
on my return home) to
mention the principal
things - they are all to
be sold by Auction - w^{ch}
sale begins on Monday
next - if I am in town
I shall certainey attend -
- On my return into
Newman s^{t} I found my
Aunt James Forbes - she looked
very well & was very fat
she is out inst. the town

to fetch my Uncle & cousin Eliza to dinner — this morning I recd a letter from my sister Eliza — they were all well &c &c — & a little after one from Saml says that his Master had disappointed him from coming to town — but if he possibly could in a few days he would. — poor fellow he seemed much chagrined —

— A little before dinner my Uncle James & Eliza came in — I thought he was wonderfully fat — & his face very like a Forbes & very red — Eliza was not as tall as I expected to find her — she will be a fine Woman if she lives — she has every pains taken with her that can conduce to make her so — she is very forward & takes rather too great liberties with her parents &c &c &c but I shall see more of her — soon — this afternoon I began a letter to York — O — some time after tea — my Uncle, Aunt & Eliza went away to sleep — —

April 23rd — When I came from my lodgings this morning I was much surprized — to find my brother Saml arrived from Staines — to breakfast — He looked wonderfully well — but was not as tall as me by 2 inches or perhaps 3 — he had leave to stay till friday so accordingly we planned our time out as well as we could — we immediate ly went into Aldermanbury to see for Duke & Nutt — we found them there — but they could not go with us — therefore we immediatelly went to the Tower — where we were very much gratified — it is wholly impossible to describe it — therefore when I write my journal I must appeal to a little book to I bought there — Price 6d. — describing every thing remarkable in it.

— We spent a long time in looking over it & then returned into Newman street to dinner — after dinner we again transifsd into Aldermanbury in order to meet Duke

& Nutt — as we had appointed to go first to the wine Vaults & then to the play — as neither Samuel nor I had ever seen one — we therefore set off accompanied by 2 young men — we drank 2 bottles of Wine & a pint — which was very fine — at the vaults — it is a place intirely for wine — from there we went to the play — we took pit tickets The play was a new one never Acted before & was a tragady — the name of it was the Castle of Montval with the famous Farce of Blue beard — the principal characters where performed by Mrs Siddons, J. Kemble — C. Kemble

Barramore — Holland Packer — Powell — Mrs Powell &c &c &c — it was very grand — the Music & singing — were very fine — & the scenery extremely well executed — Mrs Siddons exerted herself in a most wonderfull Manner — she performed the principal female character it was the Countess of Montval — Holland performed the Count — I thought Barramore performed in a masterly manner — C. Kemble is a fine handsome man — J. Kemble performed the Ghost — in a capital Manner The Prologue was spoken by Mr Powell & the Epilogue by Mrs Powell — in my journal I must animadvert a little More upon it

Ap 21 The next morning Saml & I went to breakfast with Nancy Cooper & her Bath

Party - they were very glad to see us - I think none of them could come under the high title of Venus - altho perhaps their minds might be like a cultivated garden - full of rich fruit - N. C. informed me it would be totally out of her power to go to York - let her wish be ever so great - no great sense discovered yet we returned into Newman street where we found my Uncle James - who sat a little while with us - he was so generous as to give each of us a 5 pound Bank of Engld note - I am only sorry that it is for ever out of my power to repay his generosity -

- We went into Aldermanby after dinner to meet Duke & J. Nutt according to appointment - to go & see Sadlers Wells - we met accordingly - & proceeded to the spot - it is near Islington - we stopped at a good coffee house - near it where we took a cup of coffee - we then charged the Wells the inside is evidently built & finished after Drury Lane Theatre - indeed it was fully equal for its size - the acting & every thing about it both music & singing is like the play & does not fall far short - there were 2 or 3 very clever actors but I did not ken their names - I did not much like the low buffoonery - the company was very brilliant & some handsome girls graced the Boxes - we were in the pit & very much entertained we all were with the nights work - it lasted till 1/2 past ten at nights - after it was over we retired to the coffee house - to sup - & soon after we got in - a fine fat wench was shewn into our room along with one more,

elderly - however we spent the evening or night very merryly & wine &c was not wanting - however it was late & home we must all go therefore being a long way from our lodgings - we procured a coach in which M. D. & R. the 2 females & I. crammed ourselves I forgot to say R Rose was of the party he & Saml walked home — The next morning
25. after breakfast Saml & I went to see my Uncle Jas at Mrs Seatons in Devonshire Place - Mrs S. is a fine jolly woman with some nice daughters - my Uncle & we two - set off to go to see ye Shakespeares Gallery - on our way we called upon Mr Draper in St James's str who was the husband of Sterne's Eliza - to whom that that fount of sensibility addressed so many of his letters

he was glad to see us — he is nothing particular — in the same street we met the Duke of Clarence walking arm in arm with another gentleman — he was dressed in a plain blue coat & leather breeches — his hair in a taile & powdered — he is very like the king I had plenty of time to observe him — of the middle size & rather stout — When you see such places as the Shakespear's Gallery after it is totally impossible to describe them — at the time you can point out their transcendt beauties — some of the finest were — Hamlets Ghost by Fuseli — A scene from the tempest — Henry the 4th s stealing his fathers crown from the bed side — & many others equally good besides these Paintings were a fine collection of Prints on different Subjects - we spent some time in examining this wondorfull collection - from here we went to see the historic Gallery equally famous - in my journal I must refer to the Catalogue - Nelson's victory of the Nile done in a wen stile was incomparable

- from here we went to see the Panorama of Windsor which is impossible to describe - you seem to stand on an eminence which commands - a view of Windsor - its Palace - tower &c - Eaton & its Colledge - all the Parks &c &c - & the distant contry of a great many miles - for execution it beats any thing of the kind I ever saw it is just like being in the contry - I have got a plan - We then went to see Graves's Painting but we had not time to observe them as it was near dinner time but they seemed of the first sort I must here refer to my Catalogue — Saml & I parted from my Uncle & went to dine into Newman stt after dinner Saml went to Camberwell to see an acquaintance & I wrote home to my sister Eliza — 26. After breakfast the next morning Sl & I went to see the foot guards exercise — on our way he & I ea: of us bought a stick with swords in them mine was 10/6. but they allowed 1/. for my old one — Sl's was only 8/. & was not near as good a one as mine — they are not bad articles near London — I was much delighted with the excellent discipline — of the Guards & the music was beyond any band I ever heard before

we staid till they went a-
way - the uniform is very
rich - We went into Rupert
street to dine - we met my
Aunt Eberly who did not
forget her lectures about
our dress - she looked very
well - & invited me to come
& see her at Tottenham -
my Aunt Fothergill was
rather poorly - Hannah
Kendall shew'd me a few
Shells &c $\overset{ch}{w}$ had belonged to
my great Uncle Doctor - among
them was a real humming
birds nest & egg - $\overset{ch}{w}$ I admired
so much that H K asked for
it - & it was given me - a very
great addition to my Museum
- After dinner I went into
Piccadilly to see Sam^l off
to Staines - we drank some
wine together - just & he set
of in tolerable good spirits
in the Salisbury coach - I
then returned into Newman
S^t to tea - my Uncle James
drank tea & spent the evening
with us

April 27. This morning after breakfast I went to the British museum to see if I could get a ticket wch I did for Tuesday next — I then went into Pall Mall to the Golden ball to purchase some coloured worsted for Mrs Benson at York — on my way back I purchased a very old altho a capital miniature — for 2/. done by some of the most ancient artists. at a brokers shop — I returned into Newman Stt to dinner

— After Dinner I set off on foot to Tottenham to visit my Uncle & aunt Chorley — I arrived there to tea — they have a very good situation & a nice garden — we spent the evening in talking about natural history —

April 28th After breakfast went to meeting - where T. Shillito spoke in an austere but affectionate manner -- Patience Chester - was at meeting & returned with us to my Uncle's house & dined with us -- We went to the afternoon meeting & P. C spoke - tho' not long my Uncle & I. went by T. Horn's house to Tea - where I met my sisters friend M. Barton who wrote a letter by me for her - we returned to my Uncle's house to supper - April 29th This morning was the time for my departure from Tottenham - my aunt Chorley gave me a bird of Paradise before I went - it is a great addition to my museum -- my Uncle & I came up to town in the

Coach – where we arrived a little after ten o'clock – I called in at Russell st on my way home – to know my Aunt Fothergill did who was very poorly – she gave me some shells – I then went into newman st & found my G. M. tolerably. at 12 o'clock I went to Hackstrows sale of a Museum & bought some shells – a glass case & a fine Eagle Owl – I think the finest I ever saw – I returned into Newman st to dine with my Uncle & aunt Forbes – Eliza & my aunt Dalton – my uncle gave me a commission to buy him – some humming birds – at the next days sale & would go as far as 8 Guineas for them – soon after dinner my Uncle & aunt Forbes with Eliza set off to Stanmore – but aunt Dalton drank tea with us –

April 30th Before breakfast I went as far as the Minories about some business of my Fathers – For a breakfast I went to the vaults & got ½ a pint of Sherry – & some good old cheese & bread of which I made a most capital & luxurious meal – from here I went into Fleet st again – to the sale – I bought the humming birds – for £4.14.6 There were 10 of them – under a glass bell – they were beautifull & superb – I bought nothing for myself –

When I returned into Newman st I found a letter from York – in the afternoon Went with my Aunt Dalton to see Mrs Linwoods work – next morning called upon Col

48 Greville with Aunt Dalton on our way to Stanmore — stay at Stanmore — return — T. Halls — Exhibition — Pack ups — ~~got to Grace church meetg~~ — take place — see box off — Uncle Thos — Grace church Mg

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advertisement which in the course of a few days was answered appointing an interview at a Mr Thompson's No. 26. Kennington Lane Surrey — I accordingly went & was introduced to a Lady rather advanced in years whom to my astonishment I found was the person who had advertised — She told me that she was the wife of a Captain in the Navy who was at sea — that she was in want of some money — that she had a baronet a relation of hers who was high in the admiralty & who obtain any situation in the Navy for a person of *her* recommendation &

I think it is somewhat singular that many very great men have had such violent propensities to inebriety. Dr Johnson himself had much difficulty in refraining from too great an indulgence in this respect whenever wine made its appearance

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2 of British engraving & secon. it was surely impossible that I could obtain a prize that wd at once emancipate me from pecuniary difficulty without trying for it — Abt the time I saw the following advertisement in the Sun "A young Gentleman of respectability may have a situation on board a ship, by addressing a line for A. B. (post paid) to be left at the penny post Office near the Church, Newington Butts, Surrey. No personal application can be made but by letter —" It may easily be supposed that in my desperate circumstances I immediately answered this

progress as there described is p
nothing when compared with
this Drunkenness - Gaming - Debau
chery & lewdness of every description
here goes forward with impunity to
gether with every species of theft
& gross immorality - with respect
to women every thing is done pub
-licly to them except down right
open strumming & it is wonder
-ful to me that respectable la
dies - daughters of merchants of the
first respectability go into it
when they know what will
be the consequence but I firm
-ly believe that the greater
part especially those of an
amorous constitution go on
purpose to challenge the y.g
men to commit those indeli
-cacies which are perpetually
occurring - The scenes, plays &c
are dreadfully vicious - It
is necessary to take every thing
out of the packets previous to
entering it - I believe it was
on the 7th or 8th of Septr that
I resolved poor as I was to take
a ticket for the Shakespeare
lottery which was £3.3.0 - I did
it from two motives - one was
that I conceived it a duty to pa
-tronize old Boydell as the [illegible]
[illegible] of the great excellence

Scotch Journey
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Septr 5th – To day at 12 o'clock I set out on my journey – accompanied a little way by M. Duke whom I enticed as far as Easingwd. – whither we arrived about 2 o'clock & immediately ordered dinner while it was getting ready I went with him to see some of his old friends – as he married his wife from this place he was pretty well acquainted with most of the inhabitants who were very hospitable, this is often the case where civilization has not refined the principles & softened the manners of people buried in obscurity. Who knows nothing of the higher comforts of life — This is a poor place & not worthy the name of a Market town, two long irregular streets compose it & I think one third of the houses are inns — this we cannot be surprised at when we consider that it lies on the North Rd.

— About 4 o'clock in the Afternoon I left it on my road to Thirsk & Mr Duke returned home it was an uncomfortable day being very showery which does great injury to the Corn of wch not more than half is cut — but there appears plenty of this staff of life all over — I arrived at Thirsk a little after 6 o'clock a distance of 10 miles over a fertile tract of country - there being no moor land - Thirsk is another poor place but has a tolerable Market - & several very genteel families live there but were it not for the passg &c - it would be a very dull place - there is nothing very particular here - I slept here all night

Sepr 6. This morning a little after 6 o'clock I took my departure for North allerton a distance of 9 Miles - about 3½ miles from Thirsk is the seat of my old friends Watkins & Peter Consett at Brawith on the right hand side whose friendship I lost in a singular manner as they sd only game over calling at our house it is a sweet place & a fine partridge country - a little farther on the left hand is Woodend the seat of some of the Cromptons I arrived at N. Allerton about 8 o'clock after breakfast I wrote to my Father inclosing a draft value £130. I did not get my business done till after 12 o'clock - about one I dined & just after dinner sitting by my self wh. shd come in but Peter Consett with whom I shook hands & we became as familiar as ever he invited me over to Brawith on my return to shoot & said he wd send my Father some Partridges next week

This is a market town but has only one st of any consequence wh is long & broad with some pretty good houses & shops - the North riding Bank is in this place & Warcups Cous M is the 10th partner in it - It has good Markets twice a year a very large horse Fair which brings a great number of dealers &c - I left it about 2 o'clock & had a very pleasant ride of 17 miles to Darlington - about three miles from it I pass'd through a most beautiful village called Croft situated on the banks of the River Tees over which there is a fine bridge of I think 9 arches - it is very shallow consequently not navigable here there are a number of Gentleman's houses in it which beautifies it & about 1 mile farther is a Hall called the Grange where Mr Allan who bought the celebrated museum of Marmaduke Tunstall's — he had been dead about 2 months & the Museum is to be sold I rode up to it & found nothing but servants but they had authority to shew it — I was much pleased with the birds of it I think I never saw a better collection except the Leverian Museum they are all in most excellent preservation & amongst them are 3 very scarce English birds the Wood Grouse. the

Night Heron & the
White Heron nothing
but the birds were
worth seeing — I was
told to enquire for
Miss Allan when I
got to Darlington if
I wanted information
respecting its sale
— I got into Darlington
about ½ past five oClock
& immediately proceeded
to business after which
I went in search of Miss
Allan whom I found the
last of two sisters aged
26 & of that interesting
cast wch is only obtaind
by a knowledge of the
world gaind in retire
ment & the effects of
the best of educations
joind to a sound under
standing & brilliant fancy

She was in mourning for her father who died about 3 Mos ago — she informed me that it would be sold altogether & he would take about 350 guineas for it after sitting talking a little I returned to my inn got my supper & went to bed

Sept 7. This being Sunday & there being a great number of friends here I went to meeting &c I found large — but there are more men than women &c is the case to ours at York — the latter have mostly very fair complexions with light silky hair like the Lancashire Girls — the meeting house is large & commodious — we had an excellent prayer from an elderly woman friend — after which a young woman friend a perfect stranger to me asked me to go home with him ~~to~~ dinner - this I refused thinking it rather too free on so short an acquaintance - therefore I told him I had ordered dinner at the inn & in order to make a return for his civility I asked him to come & drink a glass of wine with me after dinner - accordingly & after sitting a little he asked me to go home with him - I went & found he lived with his father & mother & their friends - but in a very elegant mansion he shewed his drawings & the manufactory of Flack black ~~it~~ they carried on - After this we went into their Summer house where he treated me with wine & grapes - in a short time his father brought a party of females to hear a hymn I found agreeable After tea I returned to my inn packed up & set off for Bishop Auckland it wanted a quarter to 6 o'clock I got to Bp. Auckland at about ½ past seven o'clock a distance of 12 Miles over a pleasant nay almost romantic country & the evening being fine I enjoyed the ride much the Corn particularly oats is uncommonly backward in these parts soon after I got in it began to rain violently - the roads are very bad it rained dreadfully all the night - in perfect torrents

Septr. 8. This morning after breakfasting & doing my business I went out to look about me the rain had gone off & given place to a delightfull morning — It is situated on the top of a hill at the bottom of which runs the river Wear very rapid shallow river at least here, & it nearly surrounds the town, there are two bridges over it — At the bottom of the Market place is the gates leading to ye park & palace of the Bishop of Durham which is reckoned the richest see in the Kingdom — I went into the park which I found very beautiful & romantic the Palace is close to the town & of Gothic Architecture

It is much larger & more beautifully decorated than ours at Bishops thorpe the Chapel is very highly ornamented on the out side & has a lightness in it wch I never saw in a building of that nature – The Park for its size I think is very beautiful indeed – wch is allways the case where the three gt requisites of romantic beauty is brought forw- – Wood, Water & inequality of ground, all these this piece of ground possesses with the addition of being situated on high ground – I took a sketch of the Deer shade from the bridge wch is a beautiful view – but a very difficult one to take – – A little while ago Travellers were allowed to go through the Park to the Durham road which was a full mile in length but much more were we to reckon goodness of road & scenery or at least with me to make up for another - but owing to some of them behaving ill & hunting the deer with dogs the bishop forbid the gatekeepers from letting any more come through - but however I gave him 1s & he made no scruple except asking me whether I was for Gleasone or Burrings & on telling him the former I went that way & had a most delightful ride to the city of Durham where I arrived to Dinner

Before I offered to look about me I got my business done except one man who could do with me till the next morning

At the inn (Etty Arms) was a Gentleman from London who had been making a tour in Scotland for the purpose of shooting Black cock & seeing the country he was an interesting character & gave me long, agreeable acct of what I sh^d see in that country — he said he had been in most of the European nations & in his opinion Scotland was more like Switzerland than any other — After dinner he brought out some potted grouse w^{ch} was most excellent - This town is situated on a rock & nearly surrounded by the river Wear wh flows at the foot of the rock in a rapid stream there are two bridges over it, the one very old & shabby - this the one most used & the other an elegant new one built at the expence of the dean & chapter from this bridge is one of the most beautiful & romantic views I ever saw - both sides of the river is covered with wood in wh on the banks is a fine gravel walk wh is public - the ground from the Minster down to the water is very steep & uneven & being covered with trees produces a fine view when standing on the bridge as you the tall majestic towers of the building rearing their heads above the loftiest trees ~~is~~ it overshadows the river beneath I spent some time looking at it & regretted I had not time to take a sketch of it.- As is ye case in all old citys the streets are very narrow & dark, some of them very steep. In the market place stands a statue but I could not learn for what it was design'd - It is a man stabbing a dragon with a spear. The river is very full of fish & people were very busy catching them with nets the water being thick on acct of the rains -

The next morning
I left Mr J. after breakfasting
here I set off to Sunder-
land where I got to
dinner - the road is
very hilly & affords one
or two fine views
there several collieries
by the road side which
is not quite so agreeable
I did not expect to find
Sunderland near such
a fine large town as
it is - there is a vast
deal of business done
in it & the river full
of shipping it is built
on the mouth of the
river Wear over which
which is the finest
iron bridge in the
World - I never was so
struck with the sight
of any thing so much

as I was when the bridge first burst upon my view for at that time there was 7 large brigs with their topmasts on lying immediately under it which appeared very striking - it appears when standing under it - as if it was suspended in the clouds - there is such an elegance & lightness about it & at the same time such wonderful strength that we form no idea of it - it is 100 feet high from the surface of the water & near 300 in the span - It is worth going any distance to see it

To describe Shields
&
Newcastle
Morpeth

While at Morpeth I learnt that it not be far out of my way if I went to see the famous hermit Cell at Warkworth which has been so much noticed & drawn so much company to see it - every one knows the sweet poem written by Dr Percy - This Cell is supposed to have been his habitation - but I shall proceed to a regular acc - About 7 miles from Morpeth on the Alnwick road - I turned off & presently saw the Castle of Warkworth with a fine view of the sea in the back ground - The morning was so excessively hot & the road so very bad that I proceeded but slowly - about a mile from the turn pike road

7th I came to a little village nam'd Eshot - it bore the appearance of being entirely ruinous & deserted close to it was a fine old Hall which also appeared not to have been inhabited for a number of years - the gardens & pleasure grounds were laid waste & high grass grew in the courts before the building - I endeavoured to force the doors & windows but in vain they were fast - I then hunted all over the village wch I found entirely ruinous one in inhabitable that seem'd as if it contain'd an inhabitant - I burst open the door & found a wretch stretch'd out on an old worm eaten couch on my entrance he arose as if out of a profound lethargy - I found him an old scotchman worn out with the infirmities of human nature his language I could not understand. I ask'd a few questions about the village & its Hall but without effect his soul appeared to have left its clay built ~~comfortable~~ house & had already wing'd its flight to the realms of peace – I put a little money into his hand proceeded along to Wakeworth where I arrived about one o'clock –

of
So write an Acct of
~~this~~ from my letter
to Margarette

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amorous Counter - In a moment conviction swept across his mind that he was in company with the Devil who had assumed that fascinating form to work out his destruction - In the utmost horror he started back with his lower garments about his heels - for a moment stood aghast apparently palsied with fear when suddenly he turned round & regardless of his breeches hung down he set off & ran with all imaginable speed to his apartments in the Temple where he suddenly appeared before his astonished friends & after some pause exclaimed that he had just escaped the clutches of the Devil - Let me not forget to work this up - It is now the time of Bartholomew fair when will this nuisance be done away - Having never been much in it I went one evening in order to see the nature of it - Vanity fair in Pilgrims is called

fix upon a residence in No. 8. Cecil
Street - Bristed related a very ludicrous
anecdote of one of his fellow students
in the Temple I believe of the
name of Coulter who notwithstand-
-ing his pretensions to religion
is a man of the world & not a
little given to lechery - One even-
-ing being either at Astley's or the
Royal Circus he observed the
most beautiful girl he had ever
before seen - She appeared to be a
woman of pleasure & he was re-
-solved to enjoy her if it was
possible he accordingly laid
siege in due form & in a short
time succeeded so far as to prevail
upon her to retire to a private
apartment - He became bewitched
so entirely by her beauty & dazz
wit that he resolved to pass the
night with her but just as he
was commencing his most amo-
rous embraces - The fair one
suddenly entered upon the sub-
ject of religion & began a
most eloquent harangue in
praise of infidelity & used the
most powerful arguments in
its favour to convince the

At Alnwick to describe
the Castle & domain
the Chapel — Rooms —
Statues on the tops, Ca-
non — Armoury —
Grounds — Obelisk —
Managerie &c &c

Berwick — River
& bridge of 15 Arches
Salmon fishery from
bridge to the Sea lets for
£3000 p An: one fishery
of a little distance for
£1000. — Fortifications
Draw bridges — Canon
nearly to the number
of 50 pieces some large
on the high mound

some Mortars over w
antients are placed —
— wall'd all round an
d
w is a fine walk – only
about a mile round ~~to~~
— two wooden gates on
the bridge — view from
the Steeple — fish
cheap & plentiful —
the situation — bathing
— trade in grain —
— boundaries of Berwick
shire —

Kelso — Earl of Roxburgh
shire — Old Abbey —
— Town —

Barren & Mountainous
ride to Lauder

fine View of Edinbro & surrounding country from a high hill near Ladowa

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Edinb'ro

In Crossing Queens ferry was much pleased with the terns & gulls catching fish by souceing down into the water from a great heyht in the air - several times saw what the sailors called the sea dog come up to breath & then down again abt 6 feet long head

like a dog — the Firth
here two miles over
— an isle with a fort
in the middle — 3 ferry
boats — 6d a man &
6d a horse — large bt
with a sail ——

— Romantic ride to
Kinross — the Loch
there full of char &
perch — 11 miles round
two islands one has
an old castle in wch
Queen Mary was con-
fined —

Fine view of Perth
hill with snow on
the top — Afterwards there

On Sunday morning Sept 20th being fine & nothing particular to do — I took a walk accompanied by a traveller of an intelligent young fm Glasgow — to see the ancient palace of Scone — wh is about two miles from Perth & one of the places of residence of many of the Kings of Scotland — where many of them were crowned & one (I believe James 6th) born — These things made it sufficiently interesting for me to visit — Accordingly after breakfast we set of & had a very romantic walk to the village bearing the name of Scone — the ancient Scots called it Scoone or Scoon — at the far end of the village this venerable pile is situated — but so hid amongst the trees that it cannot be sun - we proceeded to the gate over wch was a board forbidding entrance to people not having business on pain of the lash of the Law - my Companion was not for proceeding any farther but I prevail'd & we proceeded onward by the stables &c (wch contain'd a scotch pony -) to the back of the edifice - at the door of which we knock'd - it echo'd in the passages but was not answer'd by the appearance of any person - a second & a third time we knock'd but without effect - we then proceeded to the great south door & there knock'd with the same disappointment - we had one door more to try & then we had done - this I took to be the front as it lay up a great flight of steps - here also no body answered us - I then concluded that the servants were all gone to Church - that conjecture as it appeard after was true - the buildg on the outside appears very ancient but is kept in complete repair by its present owner the Earl of Mansfield - this as well as most of the old palaces covers a great deal of ground - it is only two stories high - gable ends with battlements on them & decorated over the doors & windows with the arms of the Stormont family on the south ~~west~~ side is a balcony - & over the south east door is a large bell - We thought it best to saunter about till church should loose accordingly we proceeded along a path wh led us into a shrubbery - in the middle of wch surrounded by trees is a large tomb I look'd through the keyhole & saw part of a splendid monument - the door being fast we could not enter - we proceeded onwards & came to the old gateway - formerly the entrance to the palace - all that remained of this was an Arch - on each side of wh a ruin'd tower rear'd its ivy mantled head above the firs whose dark foliage nearly hid it from view - over the arch & on each tower we could discern the arms of some of the Kings of Scotland - after staying a little here we return'd & saw an elegant female figure pacing the gravel walk before the palace - knowing how scrupulously the scotch regard this day I fear'd she would not shew it, - however I ask'd her - she said she was the house keeper & did not shew it on a Sunday but as we had come so far she said it was a pity we shd go away without seeing it - accordingly she consented - & we follow'd her in - she first introduc'd us to the dining room - this is a long noble room - with oak wainscoting & carv'd cieling - the chimney piece was a most curious & valuable relick of ancient sculpture & extremely rich & elegant, the figures were of the finest statuary marble on the best scotch marble ground this was a present to the palace by James 6th at the end of the room are two very fine paintings of their present majesties size of life & done by Alan Ramsay father of the famed scotch bard - next to this we were shewn the drawing room - this contain'd a chimney piece equal if not finer than the preceding & cost several thousand pounds - some good tho' very old portraits of the kings of Scotland adorned this room together with one of the first of the Stewarts

84 family – the tapestry
its own accounts these
walls is remarkably
fresh & fine –

The state bed chamber –
hunting piece – tapestry
the same blankets that
covered James 5th 6th &
7th – of a curious make
before arms were invented

Parliament room –
167 feet long ceiling painted
with curious hunting
pieces the dresses &c &c
horse trappings appeared
to have been the fashion
of many centuries past

Next shewn a suite
of bedrooms belonging
to Q. Mary – one contains
the beautiful embroi

Old bed in ~~w~~ ch the great
Lord Mansfield died —
next is the room Queen
Mary slept in for two
months — the bed
work'd by herself in
the castle of Loch Leven
This kept up in the
old style —
~~tomb~~ of the first
Earl Stormount by
whom this palace
& domain was bought
from the Kings of
Scotland — situation
of Scone River Tay

86. Ride to dundee — descrip
tion of that place — a
young man kill'd in
a Duel the day I got
there — left weltering
in his blood on the beach
the ball enter'd his fore
head — he lay writh'd in
agonies till evening
then died — The
young man been of
the name of Kelton
who was to fight
Mendoza — his occount
Ward —

Next ride to Arbroath
slept there all night
— went to Montrose to
breakfast — beautiful
situation of Montrose
nearly surrounded by
water — fine salmon

Jishouir — a most elegant
draw bridge ovr ~~w~~ at
you ride into Montrose
~~to~~ it can be drawn
up — this town is very
neat & near the sea
a gentleman from Leeds
who had been at Venice
said it was just like a
venetian town — I sent
two brace of moor game their che of mb
home from this place.
I left this place after dinner
for Bervie & Stonehaven
I arrived at the latter place
late in the evening a dis
tance 22 miles some of it
most wretched road & most
of it over barren moun
tains in sight of the sea
— Stonehaven is a small
sea port town situated in
a hollow between 2 mountains
when I arrived in the inn

I found a gentleman of
the name of Remington
who travelled in the ribbon
line in a chair with
a brace of pointers & a gun
- he was also a great angler
& netter - he asked me to stay
& go out with him for an
hour or two in the morn
ing - he said I might borrow
a gun in the inn & being
so passionately fond of the
sport I agreed to stay - ac
cordingly early the next
morning we got up - the
day was too stormy & win
dy for the sport - particu
larly on the tops of moun
tains however we went
out I had an old rusty
piece wh I thought rather
dangerous - we staid out
about 4 hours & killed 4 brace
of partridges wh I thought
pretty well considering the
weather

Fine ride to Aberdeen but rather showry in sight of the sea most of the way — description of Aberdeen — its irregularity — great trade — & ramparts with troops from Fort George — Ride on Sunday morn- to Ellon — good road but over barren mountains — breakfast at Ellon — ride to Peterhead the road wretched — At Ellon a palace of lord Aberdeen

Peterhead is a remarkably neat & clean seaport town — situated on a promontory of land jutting out into the sea — the harbour is small but secure & defended by some very heavy pieces of artillery $\frac{th}{w}$ commands the whole of that side of the town it is built on a hard rock tho' a low one & its rugged surface extends a good way into the o-cean braving the foamy surge wch constantly & impetuously dashes against it — should a vessel strike here its ruin would be inevitable

I observ'd a very curious kind of sea louse with a tail left by the tide in the fissures of the rock with a number of legs it could run & swim very fast — all the houses & buildings in this pretty place are built of this rock or stone wch is very beautiful particularly when there is a quantity together — I put a specimen in my bags —

National as the Scots
are it is astonishing
how crowded the English
chapels - these to be seen
are not common but
where there is one - peo
ple from far & near
flock to it & the churches
of Scotland are thereby
deserted being lected - even
if the audience could
not understand the
minister yet would
they go to hear him
for notwithstanding
their partiality for
their own country, with
its laws & customs -
- yet they look up (I mean
the lower order) to the
English with a degree
of reverence regarding
them as a superior
order of beings -

Fishing & Shooting are the principal diversions follow by gentlemen - but the former in particular few gentlemen leave without their rods & panniers - this cannot be wonder'd at when we consider that one cannot walk half a mile without coming to a fine trout stream & the fish are not near so shy as with us - every throw in they have a rise if the weather be any way tolerable a gentleman told me that he once caught 157 in an hour & a half & that a person who was no fisher at all caught 60 - these run at a pound & a pound & a half weight

I did not leave Peterhd
till afternoon & had a
wett dreary ride to a
small village called
Old Deer - situated in a
delightful woody glen
thro' wch a fine trout
stream took its course
- It being about 6 o'clock
in the evening & very
dark & gloomy - & the
roads very bad & awk
ward to find I resolved
to pass the night here
altho' the ~~m~~ miserable
hut of an inn promised
that most uncomfortable
lodging - I was usher'd in
to a mean low smoky
room - & was ask'd whe
ther I would sleep in a
close or open bed
- turf fire - supper
&c &c

94 The next morning I got
up pretty early intending
to set of immediately ~~to~~ to
Bamff by new Byth but
the rain came down in
perfect torrents — therefore
I resolv'd to stay a few hours
in hopes of its clearing up
which was the case by
about 8 o'clock — I set off
for new Byth to breakfast
a distance of 12 miles over
a barren hilly country
but here & there extensive
Corn fields gladdened the
eye & reliev'd the view from
the brown heath wt is one
continual dead prospect
I pass'd through many
small straggling villages
of 10 or 12 miserable
huts built of the turf
or peat wch the inhabitants
collect in vast black
stacks for winter fuel
I at length arrived at the
small town of new Byth
& put up at the only inn

there was in the place - this is much inferior to the worst of our village inns in England - I however got a couple of eggs a dried haddock & a cup of tea for my breakfast & a feed of corn for my mare - I made pretty well out -

After breakfast I resumed my journey to Banff over a country pretty much the same but more corn - In descending a hill to go into the town of Banff you come upon a most beautiful view - on the right hand is a very ~~hill~~ high hill on the top of which is a temple built by the Earl of Fyfe who lives in a magnificent seat on the left hand in a beautiful valley which extends ~~ten~~ or twelve miles up the country through which a fine clear river meandering flows & empties itself

96 into the sea close by the
town of Banff – the seat
is built on the banks of
this river – this is called
Duff House – the valley as far
as the eye can reach is
studded over by clumps
of trees disposed with great
taste & here & there a turn
of the river displays its
silvery surface amongst
the foliage – the valley
is bounded by lofty moun
tains on each side w^{ch}
extends to the sea – & at
the mouth of the valley
is the town of Banff
beyond w^{ch} you see the
ocean w^{ch} bounds the
horison here – this
is a fine view – you go
over a stone bridge of
5 arches into the neat &
pretty town of Banff
the houses are well built
& the streets pretty regu
lar & clean ——

It is a county town but
a dull place — I did
not leave it till the
day following - when I
had a wett barren ride
in view of the sea all
the way - to Cullen a dis
tance of 12 miles the road
lay on the top of the
cliffs - between Banff
& Cullen I pass'd thro
a small town named
Portsoy ~~w~~ it formerly en
joy'd a good trade but
now is a nasty dull
place there us'd to be
a hord of smugglers here
~~w~~ who brought in vast quan
tities of smuggled goods but
this is now done away
entirely — Cullen is a
small dirty town but
situated in a delightful
woody glen - near it is
the ancient seat of the
Earl of Findlater

I continu'd my journey
the same evening to the
town of Fochabers - the
ride would have been
delightful had the wea
ther been favourable but
it still rain'd hard
- the road lay over a ro
mantic part of the coun
try on the right was
the sea on the left beau
tiful woody glens on the
back of the huge moun
tains rear'd their dark
heads above the flitting
clouds we seem'd to be hum
bled before these immense
works of nature a great
part of the road near
Fochabers lay through the
woods & grounds of the
Duke of Gordon whose
palace lays a little to the
right I cannot here
paſs over his son the
Marquis of Huntley whose
paſsion for women & ri
ding hard he carries to
the greatest exceſs

He is a tall genteel young man — of a most elegant figure & address — he was in the last unfortunate expedition to Holland where he got severely wounded — one in particular in his shoulder by a musket ball — these wounds he keeps open by drinking, riding & girls — he very frequently rides amazing distances — he keeps 8 horses on purpose — the finest & best horses in the country — he has them stationed at regular distances on two of them this road between Aberdeen & Inverness — the morning I was at Fochabers he came through while I was at breakfast shouting tally ho — standing in his stirrups & going full speed he stopped at his Fathers castle to breakfast & instantly set forward for Inverness

100 where I afterwards learnt he arrived by half past two o'clock — She had left Aberdeen punctually at 5 o'clock the same morning & it is a distance of no less than 126 miles This young man bears an excellent character with all his wildness {At Fochabers when I asked for a glass of negus they had to search J. dictionary}

— Near Fochabers I crossed the river Spey — which is the widest fresh water ferry in Scotland — the stream is very rapid & dangerous particularly during heavy rains at which times the boats are some times driven down nearly to the sea —

— The ride from Fochabers to Elgin lays over a barren mountainous tract of country abounding with plantations of firs &c which makes some of the views picturesque — Elgin is a remarkable dull gloomy town but possesses a fine old ruin of a Castle wch I was sorry I had not time or opportunity to draw - I had a wet ride to Forres

- Nairn - Fort George - Artillery - situation - - strength - neatness, state prisoners - questions on entering - able to fill all the ditches from the sea -

Inverness - Civility of Mr Wilson - Northern hunt - - View of Ben Wyvis from the woody hill - I shall here relate a most curious circumstance wch however incredible as it may appear is nevertheless perfectly true - about half way betwixt here & Fort George close to the Frith stands an immense large stone wch no human force could move this stone has for ages served as a boundary between the

dominions of two gentlemen
some short time ago a most
violent storm of Thunder &
Lightening occured during the
night — The next morning
this huge stone was found
removed from the place were
it had stood for centuries to
a distance of two or three hun
dred paces & had left its track
on the ground — it was zigzag
with many stops, & it had
rested in its journey several
times — it is easily seen in
its track — this stone will
weigh at least 30 Tun —
— Immense concourses of
people has been to testify
the truth of this singular
fact by occular demonstra
tion! It stands close to the
water & the tide when up
just reaches it — a post was
immediately driven into the
place where it stood be
fore — it in future is to be
boundary of the estates as the
stone was before

I determined to go up to Stirling by the way of Fort Augustus & Fort Willm as I should thereby see the finest fall of water in Europe & the highest mountain in Great Britain — Yet by going this way I had three disadvantages to labour un first the distance about, second the wretched accommodations & thirdly bad road — I however made up my mind to undergo all these in order to gratify my curiosity accordingly on the morning of Thursday the 16th of October — I set out to Generals Hut — a distance of 18 miles — but a sweet romantic ride I commenced the western Highlands of Scotland on this road wic are reckoned to afford the finest views in Scotland. about 6 miles from Inverness to my left hand I observed some huge stones set up in a very curious manner I rode up to them & found a heap of stones surrounded by three circles of others wch were large the outer circle were about 6 or 7 feet high above the ground - whether this ancient remains - is a tomb or some Druidical remains I cannot pretend to say but as nobody was near who could speak English I was obliged to forego my enquiries - about 8 miles from Inverness I came to the head of Loch Ness one of the finest lakes in Scotland it is about 24 miles long & one broad in the narrow part - it is bounded on each side by immense mountains wch reach far above the highest clouds - one can seldom see the summits except in clear days - my road lay along the feet of these rough works of nature through beautiful plantations & woods. This was one of the most beautiful rides I ever had - I arrived at Generals Hut about fo past 11 o'clock - this is a very miserable habitation situated under a mountain & close to the Loch - but I did not come here for the accommodations - as soon as my pony was put up I was eager to gratify my curiosity - I set out with the host of the house as guide it is so necessary that if you attempt it without one you may be lost for ever - This wonderfull fall is just a mile from the hut & in the heart of a glen to describe the beauty of it would be as impossible as a person to imagine it who never saw it - the road goes just by it & the river is at least 100 feet below you perpendicularly

even before it begins to
fall — & it falls exactly
170 by measurement into
a dark abyss whose depth
is unknown — it may easily
imagined ~~that~~ a fall so
immense must cause a
great spray — this rises far
above ~~the~~ top of the rocks
of each side ~~the~~ the are
670 feet high & on each
side of these rocks are
mountains reaching above
the clouds & covered with
beech trees — in order to have
a fine view of this exquisite
fall — you descend following
the guide — by roots of trees
ladder — about 150 feet below
the road to a green point
but not many will ven
ture even — if an — turn
you are exactly opposite the

the fall - 'tis is enough to deafen you - on my first seeing it here I was struck dumb with astonishment & remain'd silent & fixed to the spot - description would labour in its attempt to form the least idea of its grandeur - here shut out from the cares of the world with the finest sight in Europe before me I felt & own'd the influence of a superior Being - my soul was humbled & I felt my own insignificance -

There is here an incessant rain all the year round occasioned by the falling of the spray - I was wet through in a very few minutes although at

108 some distance from
it the effect of the
sun on the spray is
indiscribably beautiful
I asked my guide if it
was possible to get any
lower down into ye abyss
as I was yet 100 feet above
the surface of the bottom of the fall altho
150 below the road [illegible]
was above my head perpendicular to see the
sky I had to hold my
head quite back & look
straight up — the man
told me if I w^d give
him 2/6 he w^d let me
down by a rope tied
about my waste if I
w^d view the mist I immediately consented &
away [illegible] far

them in the mean time I endeavoured to make a sketch of it. Ride to Fort Augustus — benighted — The Fort & situation — romantic ride to Letter Findlay inn — Bad accommodations — Fort William — Ben Nevis — snow — ptarmigan opening in the Clouds throw a fine view — meeting with Mr Walker from Whitehaven — herring fishery — delivering my letter of accommodation to Mr Stewart — Fine romantic ride to Ballachulish — its fine romantic situation — Loch Roe-bucks — Seal shooting — Eagles carrying away lambs — Ride over the black mt to Kingshouse inn — the man wd hardly take me far as Daig to him as set out after 4 o'clock for Clifton

of Tayndrum — arrival
there — ~~rode to~~ the rode lay
over barren hills covered
with heath & it came on
very dark — there are consi
derable leadmines at this
many of the workmen in these
mines subscribe & have libraries,
place & I was very sorry I c
not gain time to visit them
— next morning I set of early
to an inn called Luibe amongst
the hills a distance of 14 miles
over a very romantic
hilly country interspersed by
numerous small lochs in
the middle of one ~~stoo~~ was
a beautiful small island
on it stood the ruins of an
old Castle surrounded with
trees it was a most beautiful
object contrasted with the
dark gloomy mountains
wh formed the back ground
the base of wh were a little
enlivened by plantations
of spruce & larch firs with
a little beech this was a
delightful ride as the morn
ing was remarkable fine
— I made a hearty breakfast
at Luie —

just opposite the window plain — cattle feeding — shepherds — the happiness of a pastoral life — the astonishing sagacity of the Shepherds dog — pleasant ride to Loch-ern-head its situation — dine there most romantic ride to Calander thro' the hills here & there cover'd with trees — a rapid river runs a gt depth below the road on ye right near Calander — stay there all night next morning pleasant ride to Stirling by Down — there I thought I had once more got into a christian country — it appear'd like a cultivated garden after one continued scene of mountains reaching to the skies — I saw the Castle of Stirling at a gt distance — its situation is very fine — on a very high rock commanding all the adjacent country so fam'd in history as there is scarce a hill or plain in this neighbourhood but is noted for some great exploit – but peace at present & I hope it long may remain so the sword is driven into a plough share & the spear into a pruning hook – the country here is well cultivated but it might appear more so to me just leaving the Highlands the last half mile of the road lays round the rock on wch the Castle is built – the views fm it are amazingly grand – from its lofty situation – the town itself is rather an aukwd-built one – the principal street is very steep laying up the side of the hill it enjoys a pretty good trade I enquired here after my Uncle but could not gain any intelligence

Ride to Glasgow — meeting
with some French prisoners
at the half way house —
taken in some privateer
on the western Coast —
their miserable appearance
— arrival at Glasgow — the city
— trade — people — College
— Infirmary — Dr Wright
— Riots while I was there
Coffee Room — manufac
tures &c — Paisley
Ride to Port Glasgow — sight
of Ben Lomond — situa
tion of Dumbarton Castle
— Shipping — Clyde — Gree
nock — herring trade ship
ping — ride to Kilmarnock
— Cultivation — horrid bad
roads — Dunlop — famous for
cheese — best in Scotland
— sell my poney — ride
to Ayr in a Chaise — islands
of Arran Ailsey & &c &c
— Ayr —

Ayr is a good town — genteel
& streets pretty well built
— its harbour is not the best

My companion & I had a pleasant evening ride to Cumlock the road was rather dreary the driver seem'd very much afraid of returning home that night - because as he said there had been a number of robberies lately on that road - on hearing this my friend & I began to congratulate ourselves on our safe arrival here altho the appearances at the inn did not promise much - as there had been a Fair that day & most of the company left [illegible] completely occupied the house excepting one smoaky room in this we supp'd & spent the evening no better offering - As soon as the country people had got a little Whisky on board they annoyed us much by what they termed singing &c in fact was nothing but one continual miserable howl ———

Rooks

I have often taken a station near a rookery & watched with delight - the progress these restless birds make in their habitations & the care they take in providing for their young. It is curious to see them at work the females usually remain in the colony to carry forward the buildings by placing the sticks &c in proper order as fast as they are brought by their mates who in their turn are busy in the neighbouring trees & hedges selecting proper twigs for the work whilst others are occupied in the bottoms of hedges & sides of banks plucking moss & other soft substances for those habitations which are in a more advanced state. - There is also another motive for the constant atten dance of one of the happy pair & one which does not bespeak much in favour of the character of these birds this is the necessity of watching their nests, - for if once they were both absent: the other rooks would in an instant seize upon & tear it in peaces in order to save them selves the trouble of going to a greater distance for materials to complete their own dwellings - so that altho they are very sociable yet they are ever ready to rob each other this makes it necessary that one of them should be constantly on the spot in order to defend their property

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It is not uncommon in Scotland to hire mourners at a funeral something after the manner of the Irish - Near Aberdeen I met one of these mock kind of [illegible]

Haw^s John: ~~John asserted that "a tavern chair was the ~~seat~~ throne of hum~~ felicity - 87.

Barren are thy hills
Treeless are thy plains
Barefooted are thy nymphs
And barbarous are thy swains

On the road between Inverness & Fort William meets a gentleman in a great hurry — Acct given of him frequently walking between the two places in a day upwards of 60 miles & attending the assemblies there the same evening —

A Scotch Gentleman informed me that he once purchased a shepherds' dog of the true species which very far excelled his best bred pointers as a moor-game pointer the hands of a gentleman & consequently had nothing to fear. Mr L informed me that all he could do was to pass me as a volunteer & that he had passed & sent down to Deptford a young gentleman on the preceding day as volunteer - that he could not promise me any respectable station on board the fleet - that there was a risk of my being forced to act as a common sailor provided all the higher situations were previously occupied by volunteers but that it was very likely I should (as it was the custom) be raised according to my ability - finding that there was a risk of being a common sailor I determined to give up this business at least for the present I therefore thanked Lowe for his gentlemanly & candid behaviour & took my leave.

- On Tuesday Septr 4th Bristed removed from Margarette St to No 8. Paulsgrave place with a firm determination to stick close to the study of the law. My brother also at this time

l. ble for a gentleman like me he would recommend me to somebody else. He accordingly mentioned a Capt: Lowe of the Royal Navy who resided in Lambeth Road & who was connected with the Board of Admiralty in order to furnish men for the British Navy in various departments. He wished me not to use his name. I set out for Lowe's house but on my way thither several scruples arose in my mind at making this application from what I observed of Leigh I did not doubt his being capable of laying a trap for me by giving information to the pressgang or perhaps sending me to their commander that I might be impressed. These considerations had no small weight with me. However I resolved to brave danger if any there might be & accordingly I proceeded to Lowe's house. He was not at home but his brother a fine, tall & manly fellow was there & said that he transacted the business during his absence. I soon found that I was in

K.

the most "Damn it says he it is the finest situation under the sun for a man of metal." I told him that I wished to shew my metal in a station somewhat more respectable. He next observ'd that I should make a fine serjeant in the land service if I should like that as well — finding that if I did not put on a little more dignity of manner after I perceived myself mistaken with respect to the nature of the situations advertised for that this pitiful agent would continue his impertinence & insolence I suddenly assumed the air & manners of a finished gentleman & in a moment his conduct was changed & after I had intimated that I was deceived by imagining his to be a respectable office he humbled his tone considerably & said that as he could not offer a situation suita

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-tensive line of business wishes for
a commercial situation, either as
traveller in this country, or as an
agent abroad - As the most unde-
-niable references can be given,
liberal terms on the part of the Em-
-ployer will be expected - Letters
addressed A. B at Peele's Coffee house
Fleet street will be duly attended
to - This was not answered & I did
not relish the idea of dissipating more
money in advertisements that might
be of no use - Fisher's conduct to be
noticed - I raise money on my spoons
when I arrived first in London this
time - As at this period there is a
great number of ships of war fit-
-ting out I determined to apply for
some situation on board one of them
that might procure me subsistence
& allow me an opportunity of seeing
a new path of life - I accordingly
went to one Legh an agent for the
navy at No 9 - George St Black fryars
road - I found him a low bred fellow
puffed up with pride by the ima-
-ginary greatness of his office & withal
insolent - I stated to him my business
but I soon found he had no higher
situation to offer than a man before

Biography, Anecdote,

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i ships &c — I give this man my last shilling — I arrive in London — Let me not forget to note my brother J's noble generosity in offering me an asylum at this period quote his letter — Letter from Dillwyn stating the unfortunate particulars at Swansea which forced me to throw myself on the generosity of my Uncle James just arrived from his captivity in France who relieves me in consequence of which I write to him the whole acct of my proceedings for some time back & again obtain that confidence from him which I had lost from evil report &c — In consequence of receiving £20 from my uncle & being able to pay Grogan I write an haughty letter to him severely taking him to task for the liberties he used with my name & commanding nay insisting upon his contradicting every bad report circulated to my prejudice — Not wishing to go down to Barnstaple to join the players there provided I could do any thing else I put the following advertisement in three papers Traveller, Courier & Morning Chronicle — To Merchants & Manufacturers — A young man of respectable connections, who has been accustomed to travel throughout England & Scotland, with a part of Wales & Ireland, almost regularly for the last seven years, both as principal & agent in ancie:

go by a coach) intending to proceed with all due speed to London to commence a new career of action — I arrived at Bath the same evening without a farthing in my pocket as usual & how to get money I did not well know as the only customer my Father had here is a surly fellow & owes nothing therefore I did not chuse to be insulted by him & obtain no advantage & I at last thought of my watch the only valuable I had about me of sufficient consequence — This I took to a paltry pawnbroker & obtained £1. 5 — upon it with which I must contrive to reach London & pay my expences at Bath likewise.

On my road between Wells & Bath am overtaken by a Post boy who offers me the use of one of his Horses & converses upon religion especially on swearing & the probability of another world. In his view the curious logical difference between damn & G.d damn the latter positive swearing but the other not — Those damned in the next world who dont pay post boys well, reasons why this has g: promising mode of livelihood was off'd to me — respecta-bility I still find is dear to me notwithstanding all my misfortune but above all fame is the god of my idolatry yet how am I to attain it, I will have it & independance yet in spite of fortune. After investigating the small city of Wells which I think is one of the neatest & most pleasing towns in England The streets are remarkably clean - regular - spacious - good houses intermingled with trees - noble & richly decorated cathedral & respectable & genteel inhabitants & after singing the Storm Midship[illegible] & Hearing the lead with great applause at the Theatre I set out for Bath 20 miles on foot (not having money enough to

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Description

ydone's travels. "Both sea & land looked dark
"& confused, as if only emerging from
"their original chaos; & light & darkness
"seemed still undivided;" V. 1. P: 188.

-tually separated — From my f.
converse with the players I
began to look upon them as a
body of men perhaps of all others
the most to be pitied — The labour
& drudgery they go through is al-
-most incredible & known entirely
only to those who are engaged
in it — they are in such a situa-
-tion that they are obliged to put
up with every insult that can
be offered to them even by the
meanest of reptiles for if they re-
-sent any injury however gross
or unmerited. They are sure to
be the immediate sufferers as
they will probably be hooted off
the stage whenever they appear
& not receive 6d at their bene-
-fit &c — The profession is
never considered as respectable
& their days & even nights are
wasted away in endeavours to
please an ungrateful public.
I now began to congratulate
myself that I had not plunged
headlong into it for although
I am convinced of my great
capabilities in this profession
& have no doubt that had
I engaged in it I should soon
have risen to the pinnacle
of favour yet I would not
endure what the poor players
undergo as long as any other

Education, Manners.

Haw: John: To live in ye dread of slander, & to regulate our conduct by ye opinion, the whispers, the surmises, or threats of either foolish or wicked men, is the worst of all slavery: —— 349

Robbers. "At ye head of one of those troops that choose ye hallowed recess of ye forest for their abode, & humanely ease ye weary traveller of a part of his burden." h.

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– "At Palermo public conversationes held in the
– apartments of lying in ladies_ Vol. 2. P. 38.
– "Walking for a nobleman or gentleman at Palermo deemed an everlasting disgrace V.2. P. 85.

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e. how could I hesitate as to my present proceedings - I have already suffered all that a man of feeling can well suffer on the score of the realities of this life & I am determined to suffer no more I will no longer have to commence life afresh every day but engage in some profession by which I may not only subsist respectably but open to my view a clear prospect of that independence for which I so often sigh & from which I have ever been so ef-

-dirty work there was to go a-through in order to obtain a bare subsistence & such jostling &c - & then not look'd upon in a respectable light that the profession altogether appeared to me in a new light. He moreover observed that it was the more most uncertain in the world respecting pecuniary matters which (to me was of the greatest moment & which (indeed I might say was the sole inducement for my engaging in it - He was willing to engage with me upon the terms I have mentioned & which I took not much time to determine upon for on my return to the town I seriously reflected upon my state - I was convinced that it would not be difficult for me to obtain an excellent situation as Traveller or agent in London by which I should acquire these three advantages - A good degree of respectability - opportunity of saving money daily - and a considerable portion of leisure time to carry on my literary or scientific researches - not one of which (at least for some years) I shd acquire by the medical profession - therefore

c. The principal motive which made me relinquish all ideas of it as a profession was that I could not possibly subsist from it perhaps for some years the highest salary he could give me at first but 15/ ⅌ week & for this sum at first I must do every species of drudgery & must sing as well as well as act — For old standards who c—d assist him as manager he never gave more than £1-1- ⅌ week. One thing of great moment to me I likewise learnt which was that if a man acted ever so well at first he could not act great characters for some time as there is a regular mode of precedence — No actor of the first rate talents but has done similar labour thro' this drudgery — The benefits moreover of these small Theatres would altogether am—t to a mere nothing — He said that he c—d not offer me so much as 15/ ⅌ week only that I appeared to be capable of singing well which was in great demand —

He painted the labour and—

or even in the corn-fields & all were knitting a practice in which they appeared astonishing adepts — The City of Wells is most beautifully situated in a woody vale surrounded by some of the richest country in the world — I arrived there in the afternoon & had the disappointment of finding no letters there for me, I went the same evening to the play my intended scene of action — Richd. 3rd — was performing The character of Ric — was tolerably play'd upon the whole by one Wheatley but every other character was perfectly horrid. I saw enough to convince me that it was perhaps the worst company in England — The next morning I waited upon Lee the manager & had so much useful conversation while walking up & down a bye lane that I was at once determined as to my future destiny & received more information respecting the profession than I could have done perhaps any where else — I heard enough to make me relinquish all ideas of it as a profession

& to my father — I tried one whole day without success & I began to despair when at length I hit upon an expedient — I drew a draft for £5.5.– upon a person with whom I had formerly done business & which they still continue to do with my father. This draft I took to a man who had broke in our debt & had paid but 10s in the pound I had been very intimate with this man formerly & he readily believed the story I told him — took the draft & gave me £4 in money towards it which I received & marched off — But the whole of it excepting abt 12s went in expences of one kind or other at Bristol — No Coach going to Wells I sent part of my luggage by a post boy & sat out myself on foot a distance of 21 miles on Monday morning Augt 20th. The whole of the road to Wells lies through one of the richest districts in England & affords a continued succession of fine views — I remarked that every woman I met on the road whether at work or not whether in-doors or out of doors successful – At about two miles from Newport I get a bason of milk & a crust of bread for 2d The distance from Newport to New passage is 16 miles & I had no other prospect of a meal upon the road or indeed any during the day but this except by the assistance of my cabbaging the Day before or that I cd reach Bristol that night About half away I dine by the side of a stream near the road upon my cabbagings of yesterdays cold beef – reach New Passage gets over by passing my coat 6d not having money to pay for the passage which was 9d I was off after giving the only 6d I had in the world & pushed forwards to Bristol 10 miles where I arrived in the evening without a farthing in my pocket & wet to skin & bone – Here upon the strength of being successful amongst my fathers tradesmen I was determined to live a little better to make up for my excessive fatigues &c – It being full two years since I had done business myself in Bristol I found some difficulty in knowing who was indebted

Y. much fatigued – stops at a com
poor public house to enquire if
there is one on the road at which
I can stop hears of one a few
miles off – Arrives there is deem'd
a suspicious person & is refused ad-
=mittance – In a terrible state
of fatigue & anxiety pushes on
through horrid roads 'till at
a late hour arrives at another
village – Tries all the Ale
-houses is refused at all – Cruelty
& hard heartedness of a woman
of whom I enquire my way
who abuses me for disturbing
her with such a question, at-
-tack'd by the village dogs –
at length gets to Newport
abt 11 o'clock at night – Ob-
=tains a bed & goes into it
without supper not having
money to purchase one – This
nights lodging being at a good
inn takes all my money
except 6d & I am still
obliged to set out without
breakfast – Not daring to quit
this 6d in silver & 2d I had besides
I go away without paying
the boots who in consequence
follows me out of the town
my parley with him

The hollow in which it stands X.
is a morass – I leave it about half past seven for Newport distant twelve miles – Comes on dusk before I had gone 1 mile From the top of the first hill view back onto Caerphily. It was a peculiar & very grand view – The wildness of the clouds darkened by rain – amphitheatre of mountains – in the centre of the overshadowed vale below the brown turrets of the Castle over all which the pale moon was slowly rising – I dwelt upon the scene – it was not a common one & it delighted me – The rain fell & became dark I began to repent I had not stay'd at Caerphily 'till morning but when I recollected that I had but 2/6 to carry me to Bristol & I contented myself by knowing that my only chance was to push forward – The roads became so bad & it was so dark that I cd not see that I became very

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History

Brydone's travels. "Malta was given by ye emperor Chas. 5th to ye Knights of St. Jno. of Jerusalem abt. 1530. 341

W. room very singularly built
which is there denominated the
mint — It has very evidently been
formed for some purpose of that
kind as it contains furnace
&c — There is also a very noble
gallery that runs the whole
length of the principal ruin
& appears several hundred feet
long — it is narrow & not lofty —
But the most remarkable object
in the ruin is the hanging tower
The foundation of one of the
principal towers having long
ago given way that side of
the tower instantly inclined
many feet while the other
fell down in tremendous
fragments leaving the other
part standing but with such
an inclination that it over-
-hangs the perpendicular
about 10 or 11 feet and to lie
down upon the back at
the base & look up it has
a most awful & threatening
effect — This tower has been
in this state time imme-
-morial — some say 200. 300 years
When in a state of perfection
this must have been one
of the noblest buildings of
the kind in the world

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finest ruin in Britain & Its ruins are pretty near a mile in circumferance and are bold, grand & striking in a very remarkable degree on their outward appearance being surmounted by so many towers & turrets of a round form - various heights & sizes & all of a peculiarly gloomy brown cast - Some parts of the interior appear to have been more highly ornamented than buildings of this kind generally are & The apartment called the great hall has several ornamented gothic arches & several pillars. This hall is very large & lofty. An idea here struck me which I immediately put into execution one of the most venerable as well as one of the best Harpers in Wales lives in Caerphilly. I sent for him & his harp - his venerable & interesting appearance, places him in a niche at one end of the ruined hall while I stand at the other listening to the wildest notes of melody from the bard - the indescribable effect. reader transfer of thy imagination to the scene & paint my situation if thou canst - There is a

V. The evening was fine & I took my way by the side of the canal on my left & roaring river on my right & I had a delightful walk (with due exceptions) This part of the contry is very romantic — A little before sun set I obtained a view of the Castle of Caerphily & was delighted In a moment I was convinced that it deserved all its fame It stands in an extensive valley surrounded by hills of a large growth — Its distant appearance made me push forwards as fast as I was able to view it completely I arrived in the rude town of Caerphily ab^t 6 o'clock in the evening — Weary & faint I took a cup of Tea & immediately afterwards obtained a suitable Guide & set out on exploring the castle — My guide was a remarkably beautiful girl of whom I became much enamoured — This is doubtless the most extensive if not the

roads & heat of the day painting T'
make me nearly out & perspiration
ran down in such a manner
that even my outer coat was wet
through — At length we regain the
proper road & obtained a view of
the new bridge as it is called
from an height and in a mo-
-ment saw it w'd not repay
me for any additional labour —
Its situation is certainly very
romantic being seated at the
bottom of a woody glen sur-
-rounded by rocks & very
high hills — It is much cele-
-brated & has a remarkably
fine span, I suppose one of
the most expansive in Bri-
-tain the summit being nice &
the top of the span at a vast
height above the water — But
after the bridge at Sunderland
we must not expect to find
any competitorship — I had
the mortification to learn
here that I had been much
deceived with respect to the
distance from this place
to Caerphily & instead of its being
4 miles distant it is as six
8 — Determined however not
to sink I pushed forward

S. part - A little shabby drunken
scotchman with a pot of beer
in his hand came reeling up to
us from the end of the village
This fellow soon gave me to under-
-stand that he was the only person
in the whole village that could
speak English and upon which
accomplishment he seemed to
value himself not a little taking
unto himself a vast share of
vanity & with a vast deal of drunken
ceremony he informed me to my
comfort that I could not well
have got further out of my
way in so short a time - that I
must proceed due north, wait &
in the true scottish manner - while
the other rustic seemed to regard
him as a very demi-god because
he c.d speak English - I irritated
at my having gone so much out
of my way because I wished to
reach Newport that night I cut
him short & set out to regain
my lost road - The steepness of
the hills - roughness of the

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Man

Robbers "What a damned inequality in ye lot of mankind." — 126.

"The dry leaves fall around — the Autumn of my days is come"! 161

"Why did ye gt Artificer form, like Perillus, this monster: whose burning entrails yearn for human flesh." 163.

I approached this circle to interrogate — about half of them contented themselves with a silent stare while the rest chorused Dim Sassnic in fine style without a single exception — Out of such a number I had expected one at least to have been able to speak english but I was disappointed — there was a certain something so ludicrous in our relative situations that although I was secretly vexed I laugh'd in spite of all which was instantly returned by the convocation who privately dispatched one of their company to a neighbouring house from which they gave me to understand by signs I was to expect a person who could inform me of that which I so much wished to know — after much silent converse by looks, smiles (for they were mostly ladies) & gestures [illegible] any shout on their

Morals

The Robbers. "I would give a finger of my right hand, to be able to say he is a liar; — a black infernal liar. — 3

— "And while kings & potentates are the food of worms, to have the honour of frequent visits from ye royal bd. of Kings 61

& not led me — In proceeding acro
the fields in question I encounter
numerous or rather upon numerous peasantry at their va
=rious occupations — But all gri
& all proclaimed the harmony of
Dim Farsnic — I proceeded from echo
to echo of this nature 'tile I had gone
so far to my right without seeing
any regular road that I began to the
seriously alarmed that I was wande
-ring in bye paths — The heat was gre
my luggage heavy & reader do not
by any means forget that I was
on foot — Look of this & I lose at the
least one half of thy commiseration
— I wandered onwards thro woods & mea
=ows, bogs & moors & mountains
'tile I came plop down into a
small village in the centre of
which upon a small green &
by a church appeared a group of
peasantry — It is to be supposed that

age - My purse being here so very Poor that I began to despair of its holding out to Bristol & dining upon a piece of cold beef I know not how old I cut off & pocketted sufficient to make a meal or two by the road side in case I was obliged thus to subsist & after eating as much as I conceived would be a stay for some time I sat out to visit Pont-y-pri being told that it would take me not more than two miles about to Caerphily - I was however afterwards most miserably deceived - I now struck into the heart of the Glamorgan mountains - I had not proceeded very far along the road when I was directed across some fields - Oh Traveller whoever thou art never cross fields with which thou art unacquainted in a strange country - When I undertake expeditions of this nature it is a universal custom with me to ask every body I meet whether I am right or not but Oh Dim Sarsnic wherefore art thou Dim Sarsnic how hast thou afflicted me into what errors hast thou

O. man I attack'd him vigorously with the whole force of my eloquence in the abuse of their want of spirit - He regarded my observations with a considerable degree of contempt & after having remarked very shrewdly that they were good enough for those who made use of them - his beast made a stumble over a projecting point of the road & I had the satisfaction of seeing the small welshman precipitated head foremost into his own mire which he seemed to think so good & from which I did not stir to help him as he richly deserved the ducking - The whole of this way is very romantic & with the above exceptions pleasant to travel - I arrived at Lantrisant about 1 o'clock - It is a small wretched town standing upon the summit of an high & very abrupt hill almost a vast precipice - There are some small uninteresting remains of a very ancient castle yet standing in the town but the principal part consists but of one shattered upright fragment of a tower black with

126. Hogarth
Sisters Drawing
Umbrella &c
Oak box ready pack'd
3 Bottles ea of Rum, Brandy & Holls
1 Pr Blanket
1 Pr of Boots
Drawg chair &c

S. Fisher Dr

New half guinea	- 10 - 6
Cash at the Racket Grd	- 5 -
Half of Expences at Adams Mews	- 15 - 6
Half Do at Marlbro' street & cellr	- 3 - 6
Lent Mrs Fisher	- 2 -
	1 . 16 . 6
Cash - 1/-	5
print 7/6	8 - 8
	1 - 4 - 6

Natl History

Brydone's tour Sicily & Malta } The flesh of the Porcupine very luscious — 15.

— Phenomenon over the Straights of Messina V.1. 87.

— The celebrated Chesnut tree on ye side of Etna 204 feet in circum: V.1.110

— Oaks upwards of 40 feet rou 111

— hollow chesnut trees capable of containing 300 sheep — 111

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— "Wild boars, roebucks, Stags & Wild Goats are found in ye Woody region of Etna V.1. 235

— "The horses & cattle of Etna are esteemed the best in Sicily. The Cattle are large 235

— "Porcupines & land tortoise on Etna 236.

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— "Cantharides found plentifully in Sicily V.2. P. 279

to Lantrisant distant due N. north about 8 miles – This is one of those turnpikes which is a disgrace to the welch gentry for which it is not possible to bring forward any degree of palliation – By far the greater portion of the turnpike roads in South Wales are miserable in the extreme – Several of them are absolutely at times impassable – The one in question was so bad that I was actually obliged more than once to clamber over the fences on either side in order to proceed not being able to get along the road with any degree of ease – It is astonishing that the heat of welch tempers can possibly bear crosses which must perpetually occur whenever they travel their own roads – My temper which is not remarkably irritable & yet they vexed me so much that meeting a small squat welch-man in one of the worst parts of the road who had the appearance of being a clergy

M. My expences at Cowbridge th as small as were possible made such havock with my purse that I found it necessary to curtail them into a little smaller compass or it would be impossible for me to reach Bristol - During this pilgrimage I cannot describe the luxury produced to me by the little rivulets & fountains of crystal water by the road side & at every one of which I banquetted. had it not been for this assistance I could not have proceeded - At many of them I was obliged to lie down at full length in order to benefit by their sweets - Understanding that it would take me very little about to visit Pont-y-pri or New bridge & Caerphily Castle which latter I much wished to see I determined to go that way tho' it would increase my difficulties as both these places are among some of the higher mountains of Glamorgan - My first stage from Cowbridge wa

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desperate effect after beating him 'till I was fatigued with striking I left him & proceeded forwards endeavouring to calm the aggitation thus occasioned & soon after arriving in Cowbridge distant from Swansea 33 miles— I put up at a small public house at which the mail coach stops;— My principal inducement to stop here was the circumstance of a very beautiful & amorous girl (daughter of the Landlord) being the waiter & chambermaid— The contemplation of her countenance & influence of her bewitching smiles contributed more to the alleviation of my cares & fatigue than any other present cordial or even absent one— How can I paint the delight of such converse? I will not now attempt it— suffice it to say that the charms of this girl served much more than any other consideration to detain me at Cowbridge 'till a much later hour than I had previously intended to set out for my journey— Which I did not do 'till about ten o'clock on the following day

K whom I enquired how much farther I must go before I arrived at Cowbridge — After telling me falsely & in a very surly tone he asked me from whence I came in a familiar & rather too impertinent a manner — I replied by wishing to know from whence he derived such an authority — After observing that I was a suspicious person & had a foreign lingo he came close up to me brandishing a corn sickle (which I could only just discern & which I supposed he had bought at Cowbridge market) and was on the point of taking me prisoner when fearing the operation of his sickle upon my body I took the liberty of knocking it out of his hand by the use of my stick which I immediately afterwards laid down & he coming on me again I set too with my fists & beat him in a desperate manner I taught him how to stop or otherwise molest a desperate man I was in that kind of temper when every blow I made had an instantaneous &

the tints of the most splendid
heavens I ever beheld as the
sun majestically rolled to
to gild other hemisphere. Was it to
be wondered that I lingered
on this delightful scene 'til
the whole shade faded away
under the extinguishing breath
of night - I awoke not from
reflection which certainly
were not of this world 'til
the moon & stars had taken
precedence of a more glorious
luminary - I turned about &
hastily proceeded on my way
- Walking along I was sud-
-denly surprised by the ap-
-pearance of a meteor exactly
resembling a comet a Fiery
star having a long tail of
the most brilliant fire
shot from the heavens
& glided swiftly along over
my way it proceeded some
far before it vanished at
a considerable elevation from
the earth - It was very beau-
-tiful & afforded a little variety
in the gloom of night - Soon
after this appearance I met
a man upon the road of

I. great distance beyond Pyle
& upon the summit of a very
high hill forming the eastern
horn or extremity of Swansea
bay & over which the road I
was to pursue lies - stands
a grove of trees upon an
heath - From this place I
had a most exquisite view
The sun was gloriously setting
over the fast distant mountains
of Pembroke under which Car-
-marthen bay stretched a mirror-
-ly reflecting surface of waters
as far as Lundy isle beyond
which they were lost in mist
The rocks & light house of the
mumbles - the rude promontory
of Gowerland appearing on
the opposite shores of the
bay over the castle of Oister-
mouth - On my right the
distant town of Swansea &
mountains of Glamorgan
On my left the blue hills of
Somerset, devon, & Cornwall
while below my feet the
broad expanse of Swansea
bay & the whole channel
exhibiting partially solitary
ships some near & some remote
whose sails reflected the

4 yds dimity — ×
1 pr Blankits —
4½ pr Sheets — ×
1 Breakfast Cloth — ×
2 Dining Cloths — ×
1 Large Dining Do — ×
12 Napkins ×
16 Pillow Cases ×
1 Kitchin Towel ×
2 Rubbers — ×
8 Towels — 4

Art thou not dear unto this hear
Oh search this heart and see
And from this bosom tear the par
That beats not true to thee
Yes thou art dear unto my hea
More dear

W	Break	1-6
	Dinn	3
	Negus	8
	Tea	1.6
T -	Break	1.6
	Dinner	3
	Wine	3.6
	Tea	1.6
	Supper	2.8
F -	Break	1.6
	Dinner	3 —
	Wine	2.6
	Supper	2.6
S.	Break	1.6
	dinner	3 –
	W	2.6
	Tea	1.6
S.	Breakfast	1.6
	Din	3
	Wine half pt	1.6
	Tea	1.6
M—	Break	1.6

4 Shirts
1 Drawers
1 Waistcoat
1 Neckcl

3 Pockets
1 pr Stockgs

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Passions

Robbers "An eye of majesty dull — a look that dazzles into nought the splendour of ye proud, ye pageant triumphs of ye rich & great." 25.

— "Oh! I cd poison ye ocean, that they might drink death in every source! — 46

— "Oh! that I cd blow ye trumpt. of rebellion through all nature, & summon heaven earth, & seas, to war against this savage race! — 46 —

— Rage? No! that hungry wolf surfeits himself, & regorges his meal! — 51

— Grief? That's a worm that lingers in ye flesh, & mines his way too slowly! — Fear? No! hope blunts his dart, & will not let him strike his prey! 51.

— "And thou remorse! that livest on thy mother's flesh, & wastest thine own inheritce! 52

— "Whose very look wd scare Julius Caesar into a Coal hole?" — 118

"The spirit of despair outstrips your snail pacd wisdom." 216.

Brydone's tour Instance of Sicilian women thro' Sicily &c havg. 17 children & often 20.
v.2. p. 215

Politics

Brookes Gustavus Vasa } The sense of virtue is ye chief, but caution
And ye firm surety of my people's hearts
Is all the guard that e'er sh^d wait Gust^o.

"I from my soul sincerely hate
"Both Kings & ministers of state

Robbers "Outcasts are kings, & kings
are outcast," — 25

— "While ye vulgar herd of kings & prin-
"ces is be overlooked in ye catalogue." 41

— "Robbers & Assassins! with these words I
set all laws at defiance! — 68

Brydone's Sicily The prince of Villa Franca
in Sicily has his guards com-
posed of the most desperate Banditti
V. 1. 69.
"Duelling permitted by law in Malta 332

"Accursed tyranny, — thou worst of all curses! —
what despicable objects we become in thy hands! — V. 2. 20

— "But the spirit of every nation must
infallibly sink, under an oppressive & ty-
-rannical government! —" V. 2 P. 228

colonade facade for them - From H.
the great variety & beauty of
the country & woods here it is
astonishing that his Lordship
does not build a residence -
From Margam I had a very
pleasant walk to Pyle - At
least pleasant as far as cir-
=cumstances would allow - At
Pyle inn (which bye the
bye would not be easily taken
as an inn by a stranger on
account of its noble appear-
=ance & having no sign) I
stopp'd to take tea the most
refreshing beverage in the
world to me when weary
I was now distant from Swan-
=sea 21 miles & began to set
my mind at ease respecting
a pursuit - At Pyle I again
observed that pleasing mode
of planting little gardens over
the reposing bodies of deceased
persons in the church yard
- About half past seven in the
evening I sat out considerably
refreshed towards Cowbridge
a distance of 12½ miles - The
evening was remarkably fine
- I cheered myself on the
road by practising my mus-
=ical powers - but no very

Things left with S. Fisher

No 1 — Gesner's Nat: hist.
Ramsay Gentle Shep
White's Selborne
Da Vinci
Gilpin's West: Eng^d
— Forest Scen^y 2 Vol
— Norther Tour 2 vol
— On the Picturesque
— Scotland 2 Vol
— Wye
Ornitho^l Dict^y
Garrick's Works 3 Vol.
Barry on Arts
Emigration &c
Rochester's Works
Wanderer 2 Vol:
Shakespear 9 Vol
Homer 4 Vol
Foote 2 Vol
Leonidas 2 Vol
Agricola
Kirwan on Manures
Young

Carr^d over

No 1- 2 Silver Table Spoons
7 Do- Tea Spoons
Bundle of Pens
Gum
Flair'd Cap
Gallowres
Picture of London
Ray's Catalogue
Ornithologia Britan
~~Pair of Shoes~~
Congreve's Works 3 Vol.

No 2. 3½ Bottles Brandy—
2 Do- of Rum
3 Do- of Hollands
1 Do- of Sherry
½ Do- of Port
5 Empty Bottles
Shoulder of Bacon
Morning Gown
Pr of Shoes
Do- of Boots
A Coat
Breeches
Waistcoat

No 2. 2 Towels

No 3 – Hist: of York
Bible
Marshall York 2 Vol
Martin's Engd 2 Vol
Hist of Ripon
Johnson Dicty
Manuscript Book
All my Mans re-
=lating to the hist.
of Yorkshire
Many quires of W. pa
Flute
Music
Map of York &c
Trial of E. Aram
Letters &c
Dagger
Setts of Paints Pencil &c
Miniature
2 Shirts
Manuscript book
Duncombe Park &c

162. Drawings & Hat with my sister —

A

C. F. bets G. Fisher 10 gs that he finds a cock that will beat his cock now at the four mile house (June 13th) on Monday afternoon June 18th at 4 o'clock — Half-forfeit

C. F. bets H. F. that he wins —

Religion. Superstition

Robbers "To take a nap in that country
where no cocks wch crow to waken us" 42

— "A long, long night! — on wch no morrow
e'er shall dawn. — " — 162

— "This awful key will shut the prison-
"door of life, & open up the regions of futurity." 163

"Tell me! Oh tell! to what unknown, to what
"stranger coasts thou sht conduct me! 163

— "I am myself my heaven or my hell" 163

"Companion of eternal night & silence 163

"O music of the night that makes the teeth
chatter & the nails turn blue!" 166.

"Or perhaps one of the ministers of that unfathomable retribution, who make their circuit in this lower world, & take acct. of all the deeds of darkness? — 169.

"That bars the gates of paradise on thy soul? 169

"And chaunt at the mid night hour the song of death 175

"A tale that might have roused even sleep shrink 175

"The mountains, towers, & spires seem'd to melt like wax in a 176
furnace; & then a dreadful tempest, wch drove before it
the heavens, the earth, & the ocean — 187

"Yet there is something here that tells in dreadful
whispers to my soul

"And such a victim, that the stars shall
hide their heads in darkness, & universal
nature be appalled. — 196.

"I have heard the yell of death poured
from a thousand mouths. 210

a traveller commands fine views as far as Lundy island - At Aberavon being a little faint from the excessive heat of the day & weight of cloathes I found it necessary to stop at an ale-house & get a pint of beer - There are extensive copper works here the consequence of which is that a complete town is forming - Three miles & an half further I passed Margam a small village very delightfully situated amongst woods. This is an estate of Lord Talbot & is rendered famous in this part of the world for a very extensive & magnificent orangery - The trees which are there preserved are very numerous & fine. They were cast away some years ago on the Margam shore from a wreck & in consequence of that belonging to Lord Talbot he coming into the possession & built a splendid the

G.

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164 Religion, Superstition,

Brydone's tour thro' Sicily &c Extraordinary burial place of a Capuchin convent where the bodies are preserved entire. V.2. P. 66.

"A celebrated beauty bequeathing her body for the inspection of vain nymphs" V.2. P. 69.

Ought we to shut our ears agt the effusions of youth & of poverty when Ramsay was a barbers boy, Burns a ploughman & Chatterton a sextons son

Sutton the seat of C. Harland Esqr

Tradition with respect to names is seldom won the farm house built on the ruins of Marton abby still bears that name

Almost the whole of the farm houses in the neighbourhood of Marston have some vestiges of Antiquity about them & bespeak a greater population formerly than at present - The small remains of Marston Abbey itself appears to have been long ago converted into a lone hamlet thatched with straw which is the appearance it at present bear - A winding & rapid stream runs near it - near two miles farther at the commencement of the hills is Brandly the seat of Cholmondeley Esqr -

The view backwards in to the vale of York from the summit of Brandsby hill is extensive & fine to the greatest degree The cathedral of York forms the central ob-ject amidst a vast flat of fertile country almost boundless. I was much pleased to see a considerable district of high moorland through which the road lies then was when last I saw it an extensive rabit warren now inclosed & exhibiting the usual characteristics - Such is the part next adjoining Gilling - The village of

Gilling is one of the meanest I ever beheld not excepting even the wretched hamlets of Scotland- That part of the Castle looking upon the village bears the stamp of great antiquity the situation is strong but its aspect is every way gloomy. The Scotch firs & brown heaths by which it is surrounded certainly require the sweets of summer to render them tolerable to modern notions but the days of the ancient Mowbrays & even its present appearance are perfectly congenial – the whole of the village belongs to the Fairfaxes If the french women formerly frightened their children into their duty by the name of rich^d coeur de lion the English canaille fully return the compliment by using the name of Buonaparte for a similar purpose Troops of boys pursueing one another bearing that name

Every morning for a considerable time after the sale of my books I had no sooner awoke than the recollection of my loſs rushed full on my memory & acted upon my mind with that same degree of melancholy sadneſs which a parent is supposed to feel for the loſs of a favourite offspring—

It was on the fourth of April
that I set out to London
upon the idea of being
succeſsful in one of these
four undertakings - Pub
lishing my Outlines of a
natl: & civil hist: of York
shire — Engaged in
Drury Lane Theatre -
Be sent out on a voy=
of discovery by the Royal
Society or sell all that
I have & go out on my
own bottom —

& a sheet of paper I paid 11d. F.
out of my small stock of cash
I pushed forwards to Aberavon-
- I was particularly delighted with
the sweet retirement in which
the Church at B. Ferry is situa-
-ted & yet more charmed by
the beautiful yet singular
ornaments of the graves - upon
each little mound of earth
marking the resting places
of departed beings were planted
myrtles & small flowering
shrubs disposed in simple
yet tasteful manner which
had a new & very pleasing
effect upon my mind & I was
for some time lost in agree-
-able reflections - Such a species
of remembrance to departed
friends produced sensations
of the most delightful na-
-ture & bespoke those who
were the authors of such a
custom to possess the finest at-
-tuned feelings - The road to
Aberavon a distance of 3½ miles
is considerably elevated on the
sides of the mountains forming
the eastern side of Swansea
bay & from which

On the fifty

E. Barrows by the sea shore towards Britton-Ferry - It was about 1 o'clock & intensely hot - The eastern barrows form a kind of sandy waste next the sea upon which Swansea races are ran & a large extent is a perfect marsh running up between the hills & affording many uncommon species of birds & plants. The distance to Britton Ferry this way is but 7 miles & by going this route I saved at least 1½ miles. I arrived there abt ½ past two oclock. It is one of the most romantic spots I ever saw abounding with wood water & rocks in fine or majestic groups varying their grand attitudes at every new point of observation. There is a noble seat of Lord Vernons close by the waters edge which is most charmingly situated I understand that he generally resides there during the summer months - At this place I wrote to Gregan to the purport I have already mentioned & after having dined upon a sandwich & a pint of porter for which I

I had acquired that glorious D.
preeminence of genius which
forces those who are below mediocri-
-ty to look up as to the sun &
having two suits of cloaths upon
me exclusive of my great coat
I sat out to Britton-Ferry
By the Ferry at Swansea while
I was waiting to cross one of
the players came to me to beg
that I would do my utmost
endeavours to bring company
to the play on the following
evening it being his benefit.
Notwithstanding to discover my
flight I partly promised to exert
my best endeavours towards
promoting a good house for
him. My fellow bothered me so
much & the boat was so long
in coming over to fetch the
that my anxiety was very great
lest I should be discovered by
[illegible]. At length the boat
came I got into it with a par-
-cel of ragged chattering Welsh
& proceeded across the Ferry to
the opposite side. I immediate-
-ly pushed forward as fast as
possible across the eastern

12th My life has always
been chequered by strange
& unknown and incidents
This day after four hours
as severe application to
writing & drawing as I
am capable off. I went
out in company with
James Belcher the cele
brated pugilist & a friend
to see a dog fight for
100 guineas a side. Bel
cher was our pilot he
led us through a num
ber of bye streets for
fear of the Bow street
officers - till we arrived
at some obscure Mews
in Park street - There
down a yard & in a

a hay loft cleared for the purpose we found a considerable assemblage of people principally consisting of three classes, i.e. Select Bond-street loungers, the most celebrated pugilists of the day & a set of vile pickpockets & butchers. A ring was formed & the rules agreed to when two thorough bred English Bulldogs of a very low stature were brought forward. The first onset was tremendous. They had six rounds & the battle lasted up wards of an hour During the whole conflict two men kept watch to inform the company of the arrival of the Bow-street officers should they venture to seize us - The dogs were true game & fought to the last extremity - & at last the loser was vanquished only by not having strength to second its will

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The saturday following witnessed another very desperate Dog fight between Belchers dog Trusty late the property of Lord Camelford and another bull dog of a large size - Belcher seconded his own dog which came off victorious The battle was fought in Mary-le bone fields

Soon after this last fight Belcher gave me a bitch whelp of the best Bull dog breed in the Kingdom — I nam'd her Kate after B's wife — It was about a month old — All over of a fine black excepting the four feet, breast, snout and a patch half way up the face which were white beautifully spotted with black — During this journey to London I went severfal times to the play in order to tent the acting of Mrs Siddons & Kemble to the "very quick" — Mrs Siddons appears to me to have reached the utmost height of human perfection no fault appears in any part of her action or diction — her audience appears always to be lost in admiration at her almost more than human powers – Kemble is great beyond doubt but has many immoveable faults – He has no versatility – frequently mistakes the meaning of his author – one universal monotony of accent – and is much more frequently below mediocrity than above it – It appears to me that nature has done more for him than any great acquirements of his own – Cooke "take him all in all" is by much his superior as an actor – he is capable of great versatility – has an expansive range of intellect & is generally very great in the characters he undertakes

Finding that I could not easily obtain a copy right for my work I became too much inclined for dissipation which was heightened by the cold & unfeeling behaviour of my Father - hence I became addicted to the play, billiards, sport of every kind, the company of pugilists &c &c hence it was not unlikely that I should get into scrapes and into scrapes of a severe nature I did get - particularly one which I must name - Coming home late one night in company with some of my friends - fights & conquers two men - is pursued by the watch I escape - but one of the party taken & put into the watch house - brought to Marlboro' street the next day - will not give up Fithers & my name - he is bound to take his trial in July - with a promise of immediate liberation & pardon if he will give up the name of my friend & me who were the only people to blame - he refuses - a warrant is given to the runners in order to take us up - this circumstance hastens my journey into Yorkshire - Must not forget to mention the mode in which a gentleman & his lady passes away their time who lives opposite to my lodgings - Exhibition this an indifferent one - scarcely any historical pictures - the water coloured drawings by much the best

Bristed a second time determines to try his luck on the stage - Bath the place — The increased embarrassments which daily press upon me determine me also to try my fate by a similar process — I stay two days at Stanmore the Angelic disposition of my Aunt - Takes a visit My Uncles house - Mrs Scott & other fine women Sing at a concert — & play at whist — Yearly meeting of the Quakers but I do not go near them — New administration - See the King & family in London bridge - Dr I obtain another

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dispensary — Wesr. Genl. Dis: by 30 votes — Generous behaviour of H. Fisher in relieving my wants — by a loan of £2 — The state of my mind upon a reflection of present difficulties — Have Belcher Fisher & Mulready to sup with me at my lodgings the consequences — Description of the behaviour & general conduct of booksellers —

Journey to York — motive — fine girl on the road —

Remarkable story told by Henry Fisher concerning second sight related by Mr Cheap who was acquainted with the fact —

To note an Acct of the Braw ith Consett

To note my admiſsion into the Glasgow Concert

To note my Presentation with a command of Volunrs

Butterfly hunting with Tiſsorn

Engagement at Marlton

Fishing Excursions
Walking from Hereford to Worcester
Succeſs in alleviating John's paſsion

A Gentleman of the name of Cheap was travelling through Spain - One evening he arrived at a lone inn in Madrid on the skirts of a forest A middle aged gentleman of genteel manners & appearance had arrived some short time previous & was about to sit down to supper - Mr Cheap begged that he might have the satisfaction of supping with him - It was agreed to & the two gentlemen strangers to each other - by supping together became acquainted and congratulated themselves in the privacy of their own bosoms on the prospect of

enjoying a few hours in
delightful conversation
— This prospect was clouded
by a very sudden & very
unforeseen event. Soon
after ye supper things had
been removed & when
the person attendant
upon the room wherein
the strangers sat — came
to answer a summons
in the apartment. He
had no sooner entered
than he started backwards
& rushed precipitately from
the room with every mark
of horror depicted upon
his countenance — The
summons was again re-
peated — the waiter again
appeared & a second time
retreated under the same
apparent perturbation

of mind - Both the observers were utterly astonished - They however once more repeated their summons but it was not until the lapse of a more considerable period than heretofore that the waiter made his third entrée when to the encreased admiration of the gentlemen present he evinced additional marks of terror without the utterance of any sound - Their patience was now tried to the utmost & satisfaction for such extraordinary behaviour was demanded - but none could be obtained - Although the gentleman whom Mr — C. had found in the inn rose to take his leave observing that his residence was at no great distance – This gentleman was no sooner departed than Mr C– rung the bell & once more desired the waiter to come in and explain the cause of his very remarkable conduct – He did come in & without evincing those marks of terror in an equal degree as before, but their impression was evidently left on his countenance, & it was not 'till he had eyd every part of the room with an expression of fearful apprehension that he was prevailed upon to speak & when he did – he said that what he had to relate as the cause of his strange behaviour would probably only serve as laughter – The gentleman assured him to the contrary – The waiter then said that he had from infancy been gifted with that faculty commonly called second-sight & it was in consequence of the use of this faculty that upon his first entrance into the room he had seen a dagger stuck directly between the shoulders of the gentleman who was departed & that he had observed the same horrid appearance upon his successive entries & he moreover observed that had not the gentleman gone nothing should have induced him to come into the room again - Mr C then asked the waiter what he supposed would be the result of such dreadful foreboding - he instantly that the stranger wd certainly be assassinated & very probably that night - This singular account had such an effect upon the mind of Mr C - that however unbelieving he commonly was in such relations - he was determined to follow the stranger & ac cordingly requested the waiter who was acquainted with the place of his residence to accompany him - They sat out together & had not proceeded far in the forest before mentioned when one of them stumbled over a large object lying upon the ground - Upon an examination it was discovered to be the body of a man recently murdered as a dagger was sticking in his back in the exact situation described by the waiter - On a yet closer observation the corpse was found to be that of the identical stranger who had supped with Mr C - who now stood aghast petrified with wonder & amazement - This was a circumstance of too remarkable a nature not to make a very deep & lasting impression upon a mind not hitherto susceptible of fears of a supernatural kind -

The second story is of a yet more remarkable nature & innumerable vouchers for its truth can at this moment be brought forward as it happened only a few days ago. In the vicinity of Pontefract resides a gentleman of the name of Lee. He is now in the decline of Life but in the early part of his earthly career he married a young & very beautiful lady but whose sensibility was so very acute as to occasion frequent fits of deep melancholy. Almost immediately after the birth of her first child which was a daughter her husband who had not used her in that tender manner a wife has ought by the laws of man & nature (to expect) left her with a determination never more to see her. The cause of this cruel proceeding was generally supposed to be the circumstance of his having a

192 a mistress who possessed a sovereign sway over his affection As might be expected from a disposition of so much sensibility & delicacy as was that of the unfortunate Mrs Lee she was struck so to the soul by this conduct on the part of her husband that it was out of her power ever more to resume even an affected cheerfulness of mind. She did not live long after this shock but during the short period of her existence she lavished all her attentions & affections upon her beloved offspring which seemed as a link between her and the world which if broken would ~~[illegible]~~ cause instant death — She at length she died in a state of despondency leaving her daughter yet very young but in a state of acquiring beauty and interest daily

— The death of Mrs Lee had an extraordinary effect upon her husband he became immediately & unaccountably attached to ~~the~~ his daughter of whom before he had taken little notice which was considerably increased when he learnt how his late unfortunate wife had doted upon her

The harmony & attachment subsisting between the Father & daughter continued & if possible daily increasing till Miss Lee arrived at a state of womanhood & a few ~~days~~ weeks since she evinced in her person & face all the beauty of her mother but unfortunately retained the same acuteness of sensibility & the same degree of melancholy in her disposition. One evening a few weeks ago - Mr Lee & his daughter had supped together in company with a few friends & soon after supper Miss Lee left the room with her maid in order to retire to bed - She had not quitted the apartment many minutes before a most piercing & convulsive shriek was heard to proceed from the great staircase that runs through the whole house - Mr Lee & some of his servants instantly rushed forwards to discover the cause of this terrible alarm - About half way up the staircase Miss Lee was discovered standing upright but in an immoveable position having the candle in her left hand & her right firmly grasping the bannisters - Mrs Lee spoke to her in all the eagerness of hasty enquiry but her staring listlessness heeded not keeping her eye fixed upon her maid who lay at her feet apparently dead - after some short time Miss Lee came a little to herself but spoke not - As the maid appeared in a much worse condition than her mistress all the attention of Mrs Lee & the other servants was applied to her - Miss Lee was conducted to her own apartment in a convalescent state while the maid was carried in her deathlike entranced state to her own room she remained so long in this inanimate state that she was on the point of being considered as quite dead when she shewed some transient signs of returning animation

& in the course of the follow-
-ing day entirely recovered - Mr
Lee took an early oppor-
-tunity with her Dr. to inquire
the cause of this strange
occurrence when he learnt
from the maid that she
was walking with her
young mistress (who carried
the candle) up stairs & then
when they had reached abt
half way up - she (the maid)
clearly beheld the form
& countenance of her late
mistress standing upon the
top of the staircase - that
she smiled ~~up~~ & waved her
hand upon her miss Lee
in a courteous & becoming
manner & then disappeared
at the which she ~~bled~~ screamed
& fainted away - It appeared
that Miss Lee herself had
not seen the spectre
but that it was the dread-
-ful apparently stole

of the maid which caused
her sudden fright – The
maid was no sooner
compleatly recovered when
Mr Lees attention was turned
to his Daughter whom he
had not conceived to be
in danger but the person
was now changed she
appeared to droop more
& more every hour in an
unaccountable manner
& in a few days her life
became entirely despaired
of – Mr Lee nearly dis
tracted had every advice
& used every possible
towards the recovery means of
his daughter without the
desired effect – She died
within a very few days after
the above unfortunate transaction

June 12th Recd. of Chas. Pettigrew one
draft at six weeks for £30 — 24th of July & one at
two months for fifty pound — 12th Augt

Wm Stalles

Last visit to Huntingtons a rainy day - perturbation of mind Other Lucas &c -

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What more horrid than see the meanest of rascals smile contemptuously upon you because they imagine you poor

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History of adventures at Bristol when F. Acombe was there Mr Mimmi &c

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I ought to note the various conduct of people in high life respecting those whom prosperity & adversity chances to visit the Hanmore visit

Narration of our proceedings during our boarding with the Slingsby's —

Circumstance of my Father's meeting with an African Naturalist at Liverpool — Barrel of Animals — jumping fish &c —

An Irishman quarrels with every one present & at length sending 3 guis. for a brace of Pistols —

Uncomfortable journey back Mr. B & the Dr. go the same evening to Richmond to see the manager of the Theatre abt B's Appearance there —

Reason assigned by the Manangers of Richmond Theatre for not engaging Brd

June 19. 1802

My dearest Father

The surprize which will necessarily be occasioned by this my sudden departure will doubtless be very great but whatever may be the consequences I must abide by them. To recapitulate all the sufferings I have of late undergone could now answer no end - I have done all that a man can do in my present situation towards an emancipation from pain & difficulty - But that all has done nothing - The threat of an arrest added to repeated insults has determined me to quit my native place this night - Being nearly pennyless perhaps I may be forgiven having ventured to pack up in a box a few of my valuables for immediate subsistance - I go, & perhaps for ever, unless I have this comp solation that it is scarcely possible for me to experience more of real misery than the last six months have been productive of to me — The trouble which I have been & am now under the necessity of ~~being~~ giving thee cause of a pang which I pray God may be the last & a day may yet come when these things will be beheld as a fatal vision which has passed away to return no more — I have enclosed what keys I have about me the rest are in the house — Let particular care be taken of all my papers which may be found — Amongst them is a rough catalogue of that part of the museum which belongs to me — Those paintings which I have myself done I have with to be preserved for me — Most of my bills & receipts will likewise appear in my scrutoires & I believe the lease of my house — The copy of the lease which is in the possession of Lazenby is not stamped — Nothing more appears necessary for me to add relative to business — On the other side of this sheet are a few lines purporting my property to be at thy disposal

Farewell my Dr. Father
May we both be happy
C. F.

This is to certify that I desire, & direct my Father, J Fothergill Senr, to take into his possession all the property of every description

should be the case 'till I c.
pay him what I owed him
but this last part of my creed
of course I did not communicate as it would imply to him
that I was poor and I have
universally found that it is sufficient for one man (I speak
of ordinary men) to know that
another is poor in order to despise him & consequently endeavour to trample him underfoot
In pursuance of this plan* I
set out from the Bathing house
hotel between 12 & 1 o'clock on
Tuesday the 14th of Augt. 1807
leaving a company amongst whom

* Bye the bye I sh.d observe that I had another which I thought feasible for some time but on mature deliberation relinquish'd it. I slept upon a first floor & though of packing all that I had & letting it down after all were gone to bed &c —

20A which he may find belonging to me at Huntingston or elsewhere, & dispose of the same for the benefit of my creditors

L. F.

is that so many bad performers have come forward lately that should another gentleman be ad=vertized as making his first appearance there would not be above £5 in the house — He has written to Wilkinson at York — Next looks forward to the Birmingham Stage —

Copy of the letter written by my Father to Saml. from my house at Huntington the day after my departure from York —

Huntington June 21- 1804

Dear Son Samuel

I write this from the late habitation of Charles, impressed with serious and melancholy reflections, occasioned by his conduct, & especially his last cruel lines, which leave me in anxious suspence respecting his future destiny — He has by nature abilities & disposition, that would have rendered him useful to all his acquaintance, but he has gradually taken a wrong bias which has subjected him to countless difficulties, & I greatly fear will still subject him to more, wd to God his eyes were opend to perceive his true interest

& prudence to adopt those those steps that lead to peace - I am sorry not to perceive him sensible of having erred, but rather attributing his embarraſsments, to the times, to others or even to myself - From setting out in life, I was so (straitly circumstanced industry, and care, were always neceſsary, and I did not spend an idle penny. Charles began his career at an early period, the burden of his concerns rested chiefly upon me, he kept irregular hours, & was only diligent by fits, still he saw the advantage of trade, to the wide, & fallacious schemes, constantly buzzed in his ears by Bristed - At length he singed his wings by contact with the flame he once despised, & fell. His first success as an Author led him to suppose, a livelihood easily obtained, by the pen, full of this Idea & supposing a larger sum due to him from me, than was the case, brought him down here, where he indulged in Wines, spirits & other unnecessary expences, which would soon have ruined him had he had the whole of his fortune to receive. For I do not find, besides the Wanderer, that either his pen, or pencil, brought him in 6^d, during his whole time of his residence here, & my books will testify to the sums received of me - Had I been in circumstances to have met his wishes this way, it wd only in his present temper have enabled him to speculate in ruinous schemes & a few more years would have brought him to his present crisis — Was I just now in his situation, & even confine my views to London I should not fear rising to independance & respectability but it would be by first humbling myself, so that the ~~m~~ means were but honest, I should not be ashamed of any employmt How hard it is that a parent cannot have pleasure in his children, thro' untoward ~~circumstances~~ acts of theirs — It cannot be that

that they should always be together, but to believe in what part of the World soever they reside, they are doing the best they can, is a satisfaction surely obtainable — Charles has not been sufficiently open to me with respect to his present expectation, of being engaged as Agent, to a Mercantile house, I think of the name of Halifax & Co. — or that he had little information to give — It would make me more easy, to be informed of the truth — which I shall rely on thee to enquire into, with all possible speed, as I shall be very anxious 'till I receive thy acct with every particular thou canst obtain, & if that fail, or go off, tell me what is his next scheme – In order purely to keep up his spirits & thine, under any pressure, of untoward circumstances – I expect in a few years – a stake will devolve to you, that being sunk for your lives, would be food & raiment – I shall have trouble, & difficulty to make the most of thy Brothers effects, & I fear there will be a deficiency but I shall do nothing till John returns from his journey – I shall assist thee as soon as is in my power with a remittance & am with dear love to you both, thy affecte Father

Jno Fothergill

Tell Charley to keep as much incog. in London as present or he can, & let him peruse this letter, written with many interruptions ___

I could not find the 2 Vols of Marshalls rural Oeconomy lent. ___

Soon after my arrival in town I went with J & T Belcher to witness a a running match in Hyde Park, between Grindley the famous runner & a renowned Taylor The former gave the latter 10 yds in 100 & beat him with ease. Grindley is the best runner for a short distance I ever saw. He can run a quarter of a mile inside a minute

How often have I wish'd to avail myself of being shabbily drest in order not to be taken as a gentleman in vain

On the Monday after my arrival in town I left the Angel Inn at Islington at which I had stopped & entered upon my Lodgings at No 52. Upper Titchfield Street - at one Peats house a Grocer — I took but one room on the second floor at 7/ a week attendance included. It was a large front bed room & in every respect comfortable excepte the ground I had to believe that I got into a house of ill-fame albeit that my Landlord lets the first floor to women of loose character

On the following day (Tuesday)
I went in company with
J. Fisher & J. Belcher to a
place called Tothill-fields
a little distance from West-
-minster in order to witness
a pitched battle between Tom
Belcher & Jack Ward - A
great concourse of people were
assembled upon the occasion -
& one of the most desperate
fights ever witnessed ensued.
It continued for more than
half an hour & consisted of
19 rounds - Jack Ward was
not so tall by 2 or 3 inches
as Belcher but was in every
respect much his superior
in strength & weight & he
set to in a very capital
style - Tom is abt 5 feet 10 2 inches
high but weighed only 9 stone
7lbs - He was extremely weak
before he even began to fight

& was very unfit having lived in a very dissipated manner for some time previous - Ward had prepared himself & was in perfect condition - Notwithstanding these disadvantages on the side of Tom he beat his opponent in a fine style & most decidedly - He fought nearly altogether (until the last) at the head of Ward which he cut by his straight shooting blows in such a terrible manner that it was shocking to look at - Ward fought much at the body & planted several severe blows home at first & indeed in the middle of the fight he gave Tom two blows in the mark succeeding each other during one round which distressed Tom much - his guard & pluck however soon brought him round & he not only learnt how to stop similar blows but he plante several severe blows in his turn in Ward's body which had considerable effect Towards the close of the Battle Tom came abt rapidly & beat his antagonist completely who was carried off nearly lifeless A purse of 20 guineas was the prize Jack Williams seconded Tom & Geo Philpot was his bottle holder Caleb Baldwin seconded Ward & Geo Mattocks was his bottle holder

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J. Belcher says that it was always his custom to give his wife 10 gs the first thing after a fight to buy cloathes with

On Sunday July 1st. I called in Company with S. Fisher upon Mathews the player to ask him if he thought that there was any likelihood of my appearing at the Haymarket Theatre. He told me that in consequence of a young mans being hissed throughout the character of Romeo & a young lady's fainting in the character of Rosalind in As You like it that Colman the Manager had vowd never more to admit a first appearance in his Theatre. Mathews approved of my trying the Bath Theatre – Reasons assignd by him for the difficulty there is of appearing. is the many applications from unqualified persons &c

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Bristed determines upon relinquishing the Stage & upon sticking close to the law – The fear of hurting the feelings of his father constitutes one of his motives but I believe his sanguine temperament at first led him to believe himself capable of more than it was easy for him to perform – He also determines upon leaving my brother Saml & taking lodgings that he may save money { expressly increase the means of doing good

B

Takes lodgings in Paulsgrave place June 26 9 [illegible] am

Meets with Cowan his forlorn app:e — A reader at Strahan's Office at first 1.1.— & now at 1.4 ℔ week upon which he supports the drab & his child — a son 5 months old named Henry — of whom he appears extremity fond — Confined from 8 in the morning to 8 at night — Lodges at 20 brides lane up three pair of stairs a room at 4/ ℔ week — I call & see the drab child & apartment The drab affects refine[illegible] & no small shade of familiarity — He meditates a tragedy the subject the hist: of an amiable youth seducing a sweet & virtuous girl whom he forsakes after having a child .. the plot to dom ill of the mothers distraction & who in the end makes away with herself - Once left in a miserable unfurnished garret containing nought but himself & his youth home in some horrid court near St Giles's - His satisfaction in lodg in the same house once occupied by Johnson in Johnsons court - His being reduced so low as to be under the necessity of pawning his shirts - His last adventures - a man of an extraordinary character even though poor as himself - lists as a common soldier for the term of 5 years - receiving no bounty - His motive no other than an ardent desire of witneſsing every scene in life - Cowan sees him set out to walk upwards of an hundred miles in the heavy rain - regardleſs of it - Cowan evidently wishes to be reconciled to the quaternion - His endeavours will certainly prove fruitleſs - Bristed's dislike continues in greater force proofs of Coburn's villainy - Tells me that he is determined to quit England for ever the first opportunity & spend the remainder of his days in Switzerland - Rouſseau's confeſsions are the principal cause of this determination I believe - He seduces a Scotch friend of his (Bannerman from Glasgow) who has a little money up to London & entices him to commence a periodical paper to come out weekly that he himself might get well paid for writing in it. It is commenced, but is continued but for a very few weeks & then falls to the ground — Not above a doz copies were sold — During its continuance Cowan wrote some (as he thought) severe yet witty critiques upon several of our most approved actors which from what he told me I am clear he thought great. It was entitled the mirror of the stage — Bristed was by Cowan's direction solicited to write in it — but he forbid any further applition being made to him on the subject — At one period I supported himself by News paper writing &c — Is cut off by his Irish friends — Bristed description of him when he went for his book. —

I make use of the Same works

I send my few books & prints to Leigh & Southeby to be sold by auction

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I go to the famous French Dentist Mr D. de Chemant to get a false tooth his method — high price — the hole it makes in my purse but its unavoidable necessity

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Bristed's unparallel'd generosity in giving me the only £5 he had in the world upon my setting out to Bath — I go to St Margarettes Street the even before my departure to give them the two first acts of Hamlet as a specimen of my theatrical abilities — Bristed is threatened with a prosecution for a libel by some Irishmen — Lo' punch he puts it on Cowan

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I leave London in a Bath & Bristol Opposition coach at 5 o'clock in the evening of Wednesday (July 11th) and arrive in Bath at 1 o'clock on the following day. On making enquiry I was informed that the players were at Bristol I accordingly immediately sat out in the same coach But when I reached Bristol I had the mortification to learn that the last night of their performing there was on the preceding Monday & that the company had returned to Bath so that the wrong information I had received put me to the expence (which I c'd ill afford) & trouble of going back again to Bath the next day – This disappointment together with the fatigue of travelling all the preceding night uniting with the natural melancholy of my mind at this period of uncertainty as to my destiny threw an unusual damp upon my spirits – I walked in the evening up to Clifton hill which commands so fine a view of the City & harbour of Bristol with the surrounding country to a great extent – There while my mind was shrined in the veil of sorrow I regretted scenes for ever past & dared not to solicit the mystic goddess of futurity to turn over a single leaf of her book of fate. Here as it has often been with me before — that my talents disposition and general inclinations fitted me for a sphere of action in which I begin to dispair I shall ever move — Yet has my ambition been so humbled that I will endeavour to go forwards in my career through life (let the circumstances be ever so humiliating) as well as a mind of sensibility is capable of bearing up against a continued storm of adversity. It was B's 5£ note & about 2 £s raised by pawning that enabled me to come down to Bath — I left no less than 6 Pawnbrokers' certificates or duplicates as they are usually termed with S. Fithen to be redeemed if capable or necessary. B & S. Fithen went with me to the coach Office to see me set out

On ~~[illegible]~~ Friday I returned back to Bath with an intention of calling upon Mr Dimond the Manager soon after dinner but on account of my extreme depression of spirits I found it necessary to have a pint of wine after dinner which had such an unusual effect upon me that I was nearly intoxicated at least so much so that I dared not venture upon an interview which so nearly affected my future destiny I therefore contented myself by ascertaining that D was in town & without finding out his house - After which I took a walk into the Sydney Gardens - returned to the Christopher inn - wrote to my brother John & [illegible] to bed - On Saturday Morning immediately after breakfast (July 14) I proceeded slowly towards Dimond's house which is a very good one situated in the upper Bristol Road - I arrived at the door with a

Pulv. Ipecac. ℈j
vespere sumend.
℞, Pulv. Rhabarb.
- Kali Vitriolat̄
gr. xxv.
Aq. Menth. ℥iſs
primo mane sumend.

palpitating heart & knocked - The servant who opened the door informed me that Mr D was at home - I was shewn into a large library at one side of which stood a statue of Shakespeare & at the other one of Garricks After waiting some five minutes a gentlemanly man made his appearance of the middle aisle with a good countenance & very penetrating eye - I asked him if I had the honour of addressing the manager of the Bath & Bristol Theatres he replied in the affirmative & very politely bade me to be seated - I then opened out at length upon my present intention of engaging in the theatrical

1 - Mrs Dalton Stanmore
2 - Mr S. Fisher London
3 - Dr Saml. Fothergill - Lonn:
4 - Miss C. Fothergill
5 - John Fothergill Junr -
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1. Mr. Kiſsſon — York
2. Do. Do.
3. Saml. Fothergill Staines

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together with my pretentions for such a determination — He listened to my harangue with great attention after which he said that it would not be poſsible for me to make my first appearance there as his theatres had closed for the season on the preceding Monday — He did not however seem in the least to object to it were it in the season — He wished me to give him a specimen of my abilities there in that room — I accordingly stood up & recited the two soliloquies in Hamlet that in the first act which begins "Oh that this too, too solid flesh would melt &c" & that in the second act at the close where Hamlet reasons upon his tardiness to revenge the death of his father as excited by the action of the players whom he has just dismissed — Dimond found some little fault with my manner observing that it was not sufficiently theatrical — I told him that my criterion of good action was an accurate consultation of my own feelings — He said

that was certainly a great
one but he did not think
they would induce exactly
my style - at the same
time he himself stood up
& recited those parts which
he seemed to think me
the most deficient in - after
such a common place thea-
trical style that I had
much difficulty to refrain
from laughing - I however
had the presence of mind
to applaud him highly

which pleased him so
much that he became
mighty civil - He confessed
my style was finished
& impressive - He advised
me to make my appear
-ance on some country boa
this summer - I hinted
to him my determination
of proceeding to Swansea
in South Wales whose
theatre has just opened
under the management

of Mr Edwin late of the Bath theatre - He approved of my plan & said that he had not the least doubt of my being admitted to act at Bath for three or four nights there as he was very intimate with Edwin & moreover that I might use his (Dimond's) name as a recommendation - If I went there he wished me very particularly to call upon him on my return during the Bath season not that he could promise to engage me on account of his having actually entered into (articles of engagement with Captn Caulfield (who has entirely relinquished the profession of arms,

for that of the stage) to
perform the very same
parts at the ensuing
season which I pretend
to - But nevertheless he
wishes me to come - He
informed me that it is
now two years since he
quitted the stage himself
He has a son about 22
years of age whom he is
bringing up to the Law
Profession but whom
he [illegible] then complained
of as not being so very
studious in the Temple
as he ought to be but
he supposed it was on
account of the dryness
of the study - This young
gentleman is the au-
-thor of the "Hunter of
the Alps" a new mu-
-sical piece now

acting with considerable applause at the Hay-market theatre — He asked me if I had not been intended for the church he rather hinted that he inferred this from my mode of reciting — I was glad to hear the Bath audience were very select & this increased my desire to be on these boards — After some little conversation upon the general nature & variety of professions pursued by man We parted with the utmost friendship — It is but just for me to add that I experienced every degree of politeness from Mr Dimond — Immediately after my return to the inn I got upon a Bristol Coach where I a second time arrived with a determination of proceeding without further delay to Swansea & I went down to one of the Quays to enquire if there was a vessel about to sail for that port intending to go by sea. But I learnt that none would sail before the lapse of eight or nine days - I accordingly instantly went to the Bush Tavern where I took an outside place on the Mail which starts tomorrow morning at ½ past 11 o'clock for which I paid £1.5.

B. suspicion & afterwards to dress
myself on foot & proceed to Bris-
-tol as well as I was able - Not-
withstanding I thus sent off two
parcels that contained a great
portion of papers, linen &c which
I c^d not do without I found I
had two suits of cloathes (the
only ones I had with me & which
I could not do without) that
were nearly new & which I must
take with me - I accordingly
managed so as to put them
both on, & throw my great
coat over all - Dreadful was la-
-bour thus to travel on foot
in an hot day - The remainder
of my plan was to leave
my travelling trunk &c con-
-taining those things for which
I had the least occasion in
my bed room (as a kind of in-
-demnity to my Landlord) & to
write a note from my first
stage to George informing
him that I was going off the
country - could not return for
some time & that he must
take care of my travelling ap-
-paratus 'till he heard further
from me which I did

The road from Bristol to New. Passage a distance of ab=out ten miles affords great versatility of contry & many very fine views - High barren land - rich fertile valleys - & champaigne contry woody & when ever the waters of the Severn mouth & the Welsh moun=tains open to the view (which they occasionally do) the pros=pects are rendered still finer. The coaches are changed at this ferry on acct of the trou=ble & difficulty attending the moving the coach in & out of a boat - A boat exclu=sively belongs to the mail & the passengers (taking no other) which sails immediate=ly upon its arrival - It has no deck - The passage is 3 miles across - The day being remarkably fine we had a quick & a smooth passage

I must not forget to mention
that I thought the country in
the neighbourhood of Clifton
peculiarly calculated for the
discovery of scarce birds and
insects. During my hasty passage
through it on the mail
I had the satisfaction to see
a pair of wood-chats which are very
scarce — The fam'd river
Wye disembogues her waters
into the severn very near
to the Passage where we croſsed
& the town of Chepstow is very
contiguous to the inn on the
Welch side of the water at wch
we dined — Soon after we had
commenced our next stage I
observed a small village to
my left having the remains
of a fine old Castle beautifully
over hung with Ivy. On enquiry
our Coachman informed me
its name Caldecot was ~~Calligunt~~ – The
whole distance to Newport
is extremely hilly & the road

very bad. But the shaking occasioned by the roads was very well recompenced by the exquisite views which opened to our sight from the summit of every hill But those on the left were peculiarly striking. The evening was remarkably fine and nearly the whole extent of the Bristol channel exhibiting various groups of shipping - some near - some remote - with the Somersetshire mountains in the back ground & the fine scenery of Monmouthshire on our side the water altogether made a grand & beautiful scene - Several islands also appeared, to add interest to the prospect; amongst the principal of which, is Flome isle, having a lighthouse upon it. Amongst the Inhabitants the men did not as yet appear very different from those of England. But the women possess certain specific characteristics somewhat differing from the English peasantry & assimilating more with the Scotch - They are of the middle size but remarkably muscular & powerful appearing to possess more sheer strength than the men - The lowest of their class walk barefooted having neither shoes nor stockings in this respect they very nearly resemble the Scotch & Irish peasantry but in their head-dress they differ, as the Welsh girls, universally, & many of the matrons wear mens hats over their caps which has very far from an agreable effect - A few miles before I reached Newport on my left & near the channel is a noble seat belonging to Sir Robt Salisbury the ground about it is beautifully undulated - On the right hand abt a mile from Newport appeared the town of Carlene through which & the whole valley runs the river Usk — A gentleman who was one of my fellow travellers recalled a curious anecdote as we passed this place which he said could be vouched for as truth by the whole country side Abt 8 or 9 years ago the bridge at Carlene of over the Usk was composed of wood & that in a rotten state — At a late hour one dark winter's evening during a considerable swell in the river as a poor woman was passing over this bridge with a lanthorn in her hand the bridge gave way & fell into the stream & was hurried down with great rapidity - Fortunately for the wretched female that part of the bridge upon which she stood held together - the night was pitchy dark - she continued to be carried onward with increasing velocity & her candle was gradually dying away in the lanthorn - they at length arrived at the mouth of the severn just as the wind & current grew more violent & as her light was extinguishing being a little ere she was left in total darkness & as a prey to the waves of the Bristol channel the last ~~one~~ flash of the expiring candle enabled her to discern that which she conceived to be a boat - Left in darkness she screamed out in an agony of mingled hope & fear in order to ascertain whether it was or not a boat which she had seen when to her unutterable joy the voice of a waterman hailed her & in a little time she was rescued from a watery grave & carried safe to shore. Heavens! what must have been her sensations — The same Gentleman who furnished me with the above anecdote also informed me that the excellent bridge over which we passed into the town of Newport was built by a poor farmer who had never made architecture a study at all — The curious remains of Newport Castle

appear on the right of
the town close to the
bridge - There is scarcely
a town in Wales with
-out these vestiges of war
-like times I hope for ever
past in this country - Between
Newport & Cardiff we
passed by the ancient seat
of Sir Chas Morgan at
Tradegar which is a most
delightful seat - The land
in general & state of cul
-tivation by the road side
throughout this distance
appears good - The quanti
-ty of nuts by the way is
truly astonishing! The town
of Cardiff is pretty tolera
-ble for a welsh town
The tower of the church &
the ancient Castle upon

an eminence to the right have a good effect over the trees which surround the town — But twilight was now descending & beginning to enwrap the whole scenery in her dun mantle — At Cardiff we took tea & I was irritated into a complete whirlwind of passion at this place by the clerk of the coach Office making me pay 8/6 for my luggage which was only one small trunk — However I obtained no remedy & when we mounted the coach again I received a little comfort from the society of an agreeable & amorously inclined young woman who seated herself near me upon the coach & for whome I made such a comfortable bed that when it became dark several little amorous innuendos & achievements passed between us — This amusement caused the hours of darkness to pass away imperceptibly. We arrived at Cowbridge between ten & eleven oclock Here the darkness precluded every observation upon the place but I was told that there is here also a castle

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July 20 —
My dear Sam

I have about two hours to wait in an inn for Mr Ewin & as I have just received your affectionate letter, I cannot employ them better, than by answering it, though it was my intention to have addressed my next letter to Bristol, but fearing he might be gone upon his excursion into Northamptonshire, & not being exactly certain as to his direction there, I have preferred writing to you, as I know that if he is yet in St Margarette Street - the contents of this will be communicated to him with another remembrance of my dearest Love - As I suppose Father will communicate to you an acct of my arrival here &c - I will not now dwell upon it - Edwin conducts himself with great politeness towards me, & says that *I do him great honour* in wishing to make my first Appearance here: we have not however determined upon the character I am to perform at my debut I am now waiting for him to come from the theatre for that purpose - I find that I shall have many unpleasant things to bear here at first, not the least of which, is the implacable envy of the players — The moment they understood I am to appear, it was curious to observe the arts severally tried by them, in order to induce me to give up all thoughts of trying here, & I am yet much afraid of their influence with the manager as I am clear in their intent to have me damn'd — Some of them advise me not to think of the profession, because none who had been long engaged in it, liked it, &c &c while others, & amongst whom is the principal tragedian, recommended me to larger theatres — The chief performer recommends me to Norwich But I can easily see through all their drift – As they all belong to the Bath theatre, several of them (who are certainly clever) have an eye to their advancement there, & consequently a translation to the London boards – You will probably want to know how I could possibly become acquainted with all the performers so soon? It has been by attending the rehearsals which I constantly do – All I can say of the matter is, that if Edwin, (which he has promised me to do,) allows me an appearance, & should afterwards engage me; the rest of the performers had better be a little careful of their behaviour towards me, for in the present desperate state of my mind with regard to life, I am ready to spurn upon every cur that snarls & annihilate that being, who shall seek to sink me lower than I already am in the scale of human beings. It is dangerous to tamper with a desperate man – I know not my dearest Bro ther, whether it is a happiness, or a misery, to be in possession of a principle which for ever denies us the right of "shutting the prison doors of life, & opening up the regions of futurity" ourselves — But of this I am certain — that our necessities (at least I may speak from my own feelings) too frequently, yes, far too frequently, forces us to call to our aid, in the severity of our affliction, that principle, which obliges us to struggle with perpetual exertion against the continued & unwearied storms of adversity and not at our own will, to seek refuge in the arms of that God whom we believe to be all-merciful & the fountain of eternal happiness — I have purposely delayed proceeding in my letter still after my interview with Edwin last night: from which it appears that he is a good deal constrained as to what plays can be performed here, partly on acct of the taste of the welch, w^{ch} is adverse to the higher tragedies, the limitted powers of the company, & the total want of a wardrobe, every actor having his own cloathes - Edwin wishes me to perform G. Barnwell & wishing to have my appearance, I did not like to refuse it, though I am as yet ignorant of the character, & yet I am to be prepared for a rehearsal by next Wednesday morning as I am to perform on the Thursday evening next as I find it is indispensible necessary to a set of suitable clothes of my own & as I am altogether without the means of obtaining them; it is my intention, provided that I am not engaged here after my appearance, immediately to return to London & travel for some merchantile house, 'till I can save a sufficient sum of money for every purpose of this nature - as after my visit to Bath & Swansea, I shall have paved the way sufficiently for an engagement in the theatrical profession at any time. - But my dear brother, my funds are now so low that I cannot budge even an inch without a supply of money. I have written to Fisher on this head & I hope to God he will not disappoint me as I must inevitably sink should he neglect me. This place is quite the most expensive I have visited I suppose because it is a watering place of some note in these parts. I have made repeated efforts to obtain cheap lodgings but in vain. It is moreover of the utmost consequence that I do not appear to be utterly destitute of cash to Edwin, as his conduct will immediately be changed towards me; & should he engage me, the terms cannot be so beneficial in consequence of his knowing me to be in want. If you see F. do pray tell him of my situation. I wish he may be able to dispose of my [illegible] but money I must have some how or other immediately as I am fallen indeed at the moment the ladder by which I am to mount to independance is presented to me - I am glad my interview with Dimond was satisfactory to you - His Junr is author of the "Hunter of the Alps" now performing in London & is in the Temple studying Law - Dimond Senr was a favourite pupil of Garrick as Edwin informs me - I wrote to our dear brother John by the same post I wrote to you - but I did not even hint at my intentions & indeed it is of the utmost consequence that my scheme shd be kept a profound secret as should I change my intentions it will be better that this affair was never known by my friends - It will not be by myself that the secret will be discovered - Now my dear brother let me conclude by ardently hoping that none of us may allow our spirits to sink so low under the heavy load of life that we fall to rise no more — I feel convinced that days of happiness are yet in store for us — Would to God they were arrived! — Farewell my dearest love to Bristed & warmest regards to Fisher & believe me to remain with undiminished love your brother

Charles

Swansea

I have remarked a practice of the welsh women which is very similar to one in use with the Scotch — that is after having walked some miles to market or church barefooted they sit down upon some bank on the outskirts of the town to put on shoes & stockings merely to enter the place in some style & not in the least for the comfort obtained from them when the necessary business is concluded in the place they again pull them off & walk home as they came barefooted

Morning began to dawn when we had nearly reached Aberavon Margam when the outlines of mountains upon our right began to obtrude themselves through the mist of night but shadows, clouds & vapours rested upon the bosom of the ocean to our left while broad flames of light at intervals proceeded from some immense copper works at Margam - The road was now extremely romantic though the mountains are not upon a very large scale - But abrupt hills cloathed with [illegible] rich wood constantly appear in varied shapes jutting out into the sea - We at length arrived at the town of Neath in the neighbourhood of which are many copper works & coal mines - Here are also the ruins of Neath Abbey which cover an amazing extent of the ground & is very near to the sea in the valley - Some part of the Abbey is in so perfect a state as to be habitable while others are in the most desolate condition - As we approached Swansea which is but 8 miles distant from Neath the Copper works increased in Number & size One circumstance here struck me with peculiar surprise mingled with regret - The most considerable of the works are seated upon a moor which extends very near to the town of Swansea - Notwithstanding this moor contains much fertile land - It presents to the eye of the traveller a scene of dreadful sterility - It is a blasted heath without verdure & upon which even the fowls of the air dare not to nestle - Trees withered in their youth hedges consumed & scarcely a blade of living grass constitute the scenery & all this is occasioned by the pernicious effluvia of the Copper works, The appearance of this heath strongly painted to my mind images of that dreadful plain in the island of Java described by travellers in the centre of which stands the tree of death to every being that has the breath of life &c

As we approached Swansea the harbour & river appeared crowded with shipping but the town did not make that pleasing appearance I was led to expect - My spirits became much dampened as I entered this town - An heavy load sat upon my soul that I fain would remove in vain - It was between the hours of 4 & 5 in the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ morning when we arrived at the Mackworth arms Inn - Scarcely a soul was awake in the house & it was not till after much difficulty we procured the worst breakfast I ever sat down to, principally on acct of the water tasting of coals & the milk being wretchedly bad - I withdrew to go to bed - The haven of every rest - but no bed was to be had - The Races had only just concluded & the company was not yet gone I took a walk wearied out as I was both in body & mind - I ascended an high hill behind the town which commands a fine view of all the surrounding scenery - Here I fell asleep when I awoke the sun was high on the meridian & I not only found my face was dreadfully scorched even to blisters but I had been attacked by some insects - I believe ants which had bitten me all over in such a degree that I was nearly mad with the itching occasioned by them & was moreover, rendered no very fit object to wait upon the manager of a theatre in order to be engaged -

Not being able to procure a room at the inn I arrived at & not yet knowing how to look out for lodgings I went & took up my quarters at the Bathing house Hotel - Here I laid down for a few hours but could obtain no sleep - I got up to dine with the company assembled here to Bathe the House being situated upon the Beach which with the exception of that at Weymouth is one of the best I ever saw - The company was not numerous A dashing beau affecting all the ridiculous foppery of the extreme of fashion gallanting to the ladies & without a grain of genuine affability - A mere insect of the fashion -

two Birmingham merchants with their wives who are proprietors of certain Copper works in the neighbourhood - One of these men was a man of strong natural abilities but not very well informed the consequence of which was that he was obstinately & ridiculously opiniated in things he was totally ignorant of - There were also two other Birmingham merchants of a yet inferior order but rich enough in all conscience - Two antiquated hibernian old maids, foolish, wrinkled old romantic stale wenches in search of foolish husband - a young blockhead from Town of a fop affecting to be a blackleg - laughing at religion - a jacobin - boasting that he had no feeling - insulting modest women & affecting to be amorous without the power - indeed altogether a contemptible being - A Welch Parson - low in stature - hot in temper - talkative to a degree - a traveller through Spain - full of anecdote - zealous advocate for church & state - a sayer of grace before & after meals - fat in belly - with several peculiar oddities - A student at Oxford an interesting young man - his elder brother a banker - &c -

In the evening I went to the play in order to reconnoitre - saw Edwin & bad as I was appointed to meet him the next day - the performance tolerable - but the theatre -

as a building wretched - Amongst the women Mrs Edwin is little inferior to Mrs Jordan whose style she plays in & Mrs Johnstone as a tragedian is very great & does not fall far short of Mrs Siddons - Amongst the men - Edwin - Cunningham Philips - Egan & Evans are far above mediocrity in their respective talents or walks of profession — The next day I met Edwin, but had only a very short interview as he was about some business - It was however successful, as he promised me an appearance — The tide at Swansea retires back from the beach a long way on acct of its flatness - I one day remarked the roots, & other remains of large trees for some distance along the shore & running entirely into the sea, these were mostly in a state of black musilage & evidently shewed the existence of a wood there at some former period

I questioned an old women standing by relative to it & I was soon given to understand that in the days of her youth not one a large wood was in existence there but that rich meadows extended near to the lighthouse now upon the point of the Mumbles at this time a distance of nearly 4 miles over the sea in a direct line — Such ravages has the sea made here — Moreover to the eastward of the town of Swansea many years ago a town or indeed city has been entirely swallowed up by the sand — I am astonished at the scarcity of sea birds about the town of Swansea — My only reason for this is that the effluvia of the Copper works is disagreeable to them — Towards the mumbles more of them appear — particularly flocks of sandpipers — turnstones &c — There are also many wheatears — There are fine beds of most oisters at the

Mumbles & cockles abound so much along the coast that I have picked up quantities of the finest along the beach left by the tide. I am convinced that there must be some animals in the ocean which prey upon oisters on account of the immense numbers of shells evidently forced open that are cast up on every part of the shore - It is curious to observe the maneuverings of crabs when suddenly surprised their mode of rearing themselves up & forcibly striking at any adverse object with their large claws - The great speed at which they can run & in an instant bury themselves in the sand - There are many Urchins on this coast which when alive are covered over with prickles that fall off upon death - I therefore suppose that they are used as defensive weapons - A Charter now exists in the town of Swan empowering the corporation to act afood in the forest I have mentioned as now being the haunt of marine produc~ -How consistent with human affairs? — So far indeed did these meadows & wood extend out into what is now ocean that the peasants were accustomed to go to market beyond the point of the mumbles upon which stands the lighthouse – At very low water I am told the remains of buildings are yet to be seen – At a little distance westward of the Mumbles is situated upon a fine eminence commanding the bay of Swansea, Oistermouth -castle – A place which was formerly of vast ~~extent~~ strength & has the character of being a Norman edifice – One fine evening I took a walk to it from the Bathing -house, distant abt. 5 miles – along the sands – I was in one of those melancholy moods which induce a more than usual susceptibility to the impressions of outward objects but which even in misfortune are indiscribably pleasing as ~~they are~~ it is a convincing proofs that the delicacy of refined feeling is not entirely eradicated from the mind. The way I took was along the shore the tide being down. The sun was descending and gilded with its departing beams the rugged rocks ranged behind the Mumbles. The blue hills of Devon appeared in the distance across the peaceful surface of the ocean upon which were seen vessels gliding along in picturesque groups & at various distances - groups of peasantry the mountains of Wales & y Distant view of Swansea harbour on the ne hand & Oistermouth Castle n the other added their several beauties to make the scene delightful. I continued to walk along the sands for a distance t nearly four miles 'till I arrived at a rocky [illegible] which seemed to promise a road up to the castle of Oistermouth. Upon a Log of wood at the entrance of this lane, sat a poor woman dressed in the usual habit of the welch female peasantry - That she was deeply absorbed in grief could not long remain concealed from one long accustomed to sadness & to sorrow - her fixed eyes - her deep interesting manner & the silent tear all spoke in forcible language to my heart that she also was one of those mortals visited by affliction - I approached her & enquired my way to the castle in a tone of voice & manner that my heart whispered to me could not be harsh or offensive to the first-born of sensibility or of sorrow - she raised her head & without immediately answering me regarded me with deep yet with a kind of wild attention & several seconds elapsed ere she informed me that she wanted

conduct me to the castle - I
have ever found my heart governed by two distinct emotions & passions when in the immediate presence & converse of the female sex according to the application made to my feelings - These are love & interest - One of these is altogether mental but the other partakes a little of the man or sensuality - In all probability had the woman in question been a young & beautiful girl my sentiments towards her had not been altogether virtuous or consistent with the melancholy of my soul - This woman bore about the wintry hoar of age - my heart was softened by sympathy - she was in sorrow & I was willing at least to bear a share if not to alleviate it. We had not walked far together in silence when casting up her eyes, swimming in tears to heaven she exclaimed in a tone of voice not to be unfelt - "Oh God!" I felt it & heaved a sigh - a pause - what

can I have des'troy'd her peace of mind? said I inwardly as I regarded her — She soon informed me that she had been to Swansea market where she had received the terrible intelligence that her two sons (her only remaining support) who were in the royal navy had both been killed in the service of their country & that the last of the two died a few weeks ago in the hospital at Plymouth. In the bitterness of her grief she declared that now God alone must support her for she had no other shield of defence against the storms of life whose days could not now be many to her — I deeply felt her sorrow — I was myself a stricken deer wandering alone forlorn & destitute — All I could give the poor woman was a few pitiful halfpence — Is it possible that our legislature can make provision for the wives & orpha of our brave seamen cut off in the day of battle & not also make similar provision for their aged parents who perhaps solely depended upon the income of their sons who at the time of their are forced from their parents in an helpless state.—

How chequered & how various are the scenes of this life Food for our grief & cause for laughter occur in the same moment — Almost immediately parting from the poor unfortunate woman & very near the castle I encountered a little ragged boy who was talking Welch in the most serious manner to a mis begotten beast of a horse who ever & anon prick'd an ear towards his companion while the other was thrown back as if to say that he was either endeavouring to understand what was said or that according to the old adage "it went in at one ear & out at the other" – The scene was highly ludicrous. after a partial engagement with a troop of [illegible] that had possession of the pasture field in which the Castle stands I arrived at the ruin. It stands upon a hill over-looking the beautiful bay of Swansea - But tho' this eminence is very high yet is it surrounded by rocky mountains much higher & which consequently have rendered it a place of ineffectual refuge in modern warfare - I did not perceive any other entrance than the south gate which is narrow & formed in a gable surmounted on each side by a square tower nearly dilapidated - The outer walls of the castle are very much concealed by ivy which is here extremely luxuriant - It is a Norman building - The subterra very many dungeons are numerous & spacious - It had a portcullis & several inner gates but if it formerly possessed a moat it is now entirely choaked up - From the extreme singularity of the interior formation of the building I could form no idea of the plan pursued by the original architect. It seemed to me that after the principal offices of the building were marked out the other apartm^ts & chambers were built wherever a little space occurred as many rooms & some passages now appear of every variety of shape & situation. The staircases leading to the southern towers on each side of the entrance & that leading up the great Keep are tolerably perfect while there are several smaller ones in different parts of the castle which tho' now in ruins fully evince former strength & impregnability. Some of the dungeons are so very high & narrow that I was at a loss to account for their purpose. The evening was delightfully fine. I ascended a rocky mountain behind the castle which remained as a noble foreground to one of the finest scenes I have witnessed in Wales. The ivy-mantled towers at my feet - to my right the village & church of Castlemartin - mingled with trees with the rocks & lighthouse of the Mumbles - to my right a distant view of the town & harbour of Swansea shipping - neighbouring gentlemens seats &c with the whole back'd by fine groups of Welch mountains exhibiting the various hues & distances of evening - while in front appeared the sea variously studded with ships some of which remained in shade while the white sails of others reflected the last rays of a western sun & in the remotest distance appeared the blue mountains of Devon. After enjoying this luxuriant repast for some time I returned to the Bathing-house-hotel. To those who are fond of retirement I would unquestionably recommend a stay at the Mumbles in preference to Swansea - The walks are much more pleasing & good accommodations may be had at a more reasonable rate. Bathing it is true cannot be had in equal comfort by those who cannot use this delightful custom without bathing houses as I believe there are none kept there It is distant from Swansea ab^t 5 miles - It is a disgraceful & a universal practice amongst the Welsh peasantry & market people to ask twice as much for their commodities as they will take - A Welchman will if he possibly can cheat you to the utmost but not rob you - It is curious to see the women riding to market in strings of single horsewomen who ride completely side ways as if sitting upon a table - The habit of these women is a red cloak with a long fringe & a man hat so that at a little distance they have much of that military effect which positively frightened the french when they landed upon the Pembrokeshire coast - Fish & excellent Salmon caught in the weirs - hermit crabs - weavers - soals - rock oisters - cockles - sprats &c &c

Wales is now the only part of Britain where Turnspits are in general use - all the meat consumed in the Bathing house ~~was~~ is roasted by a little brown mungrell of this species & it is wonderful to see what large joints of meat he can roast. These dogs are very sagacious & well know their use & importance. sometimes get out of the way when they know they will be wanted - watch the meat to see when it is enough &c

A very sensible worthy clergyman who resides in the interior of Glamorgan in the north & who forms part of our company on my enquiring into the superstitious opinions of the Welch relating to ghosts &c informed me that they are much inclined to be superstitious but do not in general place much confidence in the positive existence of ghosts - From the known superstition of the common people designing labourers are sometimes inclined to make advantage of it - This clergyman informed me that a gentleman who lives in his neighbourhood & who own several mines in the neighbourhood - told him that from the report of his men he was a few years ago led to believe that the damps or blue light so much dreaded by miners were very frequent in his mines where they were considered as the effect of the devils anger towards them - These men so often left work under the pretence of these infernal visits that he was led to enquire a little further into it when he soon found that the whole business was fabricated by his men who had repeatedly when in want of an holiday retreated from the mines with great marks of fear observing that the devil had visited them & that they could no longer work - The gentleman told his men - that as none of them could have such frequent visits from the devil unless they were very intimate with him - he would certainly turn off the first man who shd next complain the consequence of which was that the Devil was never seen more that there is was a passage underground between Swansea & Oystermouth was proved by a Terrier dog that was put into at the former place & came out at the latter a few years ago—

During the riots at Birmingham when Hutton's house was burned down. A man who knew him & was interested for his chattels saved a great quantity of his paper (he was at that time a paper merchant) by carrying away 8 or 9 cart loads of it away—Some time after when he told Hutton of the circumstance & restored his paper He gave him a shilling for his trouble observing that when in distress it was our duty to help one another

An addition to our company of an elderly cockney full of affectation &c & his son who

A. At length I come to speak of
my departure from Swansea
which I had been some days
in determining upon (I mean
as to the most feasible mode
From my being neglected in Lon-
-don I despaired of receiving any
further pecuniary assistance
from thence at least for the
present & having but a very
few shillings in my pocket
it was utterly impossible that
I could pay a bill of nearly
10 pounds due to Grogan my
landlord at the Bathing house
who continued to dun me
so often & so vigorously that
I found on Tuesday the 14th
of August after having been up-
wards of a month with him
& after paying him abt £3 to-
-wards my expenses that I
must instantly either pay him
the whole or decamp with-
out beat of drum - I revolved
various schemes in my mind
& at length determined upon
the following - to send off
to Bristol as much of my
luggage as I could not possibly
dispense with at two or three
times in parcels to avoid

Charles Alexander Carr Esqre Esqre

Choice Observations
and
Directions. concerning
The taking, feeding, breeding
& teaching, all sorts of
Singing Birds

All the also best methods
for catching. them by
nets, gins. lime twigs,
&c &c &c

With ye maladies & distempers
incident to singing birds
& the means to cure them
with rules to know the
cock from the hen in
old & young

had a face resembling an Egyptian mummy tho' somewhat paler. His bawdy anecdotes - One of running a 10d nail into a nun's posteriors to make her shed tears -

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Three young ladies in search of husbands description Miss Jones

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The cockney subject - derivation of words verbs &c setting London so far above every thing else -

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Buggins tells a tale of boring a hole in a ~~Nuns~~ the Virgin Mary's backside with a gimblet to fasten her down & of driving a 10d nail into a nun's backside to make her cry both these for the edification of the ladies present - Never did I know the joy of sympathy to be so great as during my abode at Swansea - Every morning revolves in my mind a plan of escape from Gwgan's hotel in case a sufficient sum of money is not remitted to me to pay my bill

Spirit of a Swede — Mathematics the fundament of all science — In my greatest misery sooner than perish by my own hand I determined after the manner of Ledyard to set out upon some desperate peregrination on foot through some unknown part of the world — There is a curious custom at Swansea by which the ferry over the river Tawy is supported — it is by every householder paying the small sum of 4d ~~pr~~ Ann: by which loan himself & family is authorized to cross the river at will & free of expence This I take to be a very ancient custom

— Go with Mr Maber to see the Pottery — the great intelligence of Mr Dillwin. F. L. S & R. S. Meeting a cultivated mind amongst others of a contrary nature is like meeting with a fine specimen of art amongst the rude scenes of nature — The singular the latter end of 1797 or beginning 98. Mr. Jn: Dodsworth is the builder & owner of the Mansion, of late years Water Poppleton has been much in=debted to this worthy gentleman for many of its greatest improve=ments. as he has an estate here. —

In the year 1797 Water Poppleton consisted of 32 houses & 120 men women & children inhabitants ~~it co~~ the town forms two long streets with houses on either side. in the center of it on a green hill stands the stocks under the shade of a tall Ash tree wch beautifies the Village very much

Poppleton was the seat of Thos. Hutton Esqr. a descendant from Archbishop Hutton, by whom, I suppose, it came from the church to that Family. The last Thos. Hutton Esq: dying unmarried, this Estate was left amongst his relations, of whom the Dawsons, of York, are the chief.

In Water Poppleton there is an excellent Church of which I shall speak hereafter likewise here is a capital Free school for ye children of both Poppletons & some of the neighbouring Villages it was finished

of land, & which is situate
upon the river Ouse. Alſo
2 caruecates & half of land in
the other Poppleton, situ-
=ate on the South of the
other town. And the church
or prebend of York hath
in South Poppleton 7 & half
caruecates of land.

Sir T. W. writes that there
was a mayor of York killed
at Popylton in the reign
of King Richard 2d
as he conjectures in some
controversy betwixt the
abby & citizens, mention
being made of this fact a-
mongst the records of the
tower in rotulo romano;
but I could not upon search
find the record here mention-
-ed.

Poppleton both land & Water as they are distinguished, or upper & lower, were formerly the lands of the abbot of St. Mary's York; given by Osbern de Archis to this abby, almost, at its first institution (s)

In South Poppleton were lands belonging to the common of the church of York, for we find an agreement made betwixt Thurstan archbishop of York & Godfrid abbot of St. Mary's. touching a division of their lands in Poppleton in this manner, that the abby hath all that town of Poppleton then containd 4 carucates

s. Torre. York. S. M. p. 821. ex registro
S. Mariae Ebor

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of printing the china plates instead of the former method of painting by hand- What an amazing increase of population always takes in consequence of increase of manufactories Near the pottery there is almost a distinct & increasing town built in consequence & Mr Mabee informs me that where he lives at Merthyr a few years ago there was only about 32 houses & now in consequence of the various iron works &c there are near 10,000 inhabitants — When Buggin listens to any one who is talking he cocks his head on one side & winks much after the manner of a Magpie — In any notes I may write let me not forget to note the mad scene of York Asylum —

Sr Gabriel Powell is a scoun
drel some years ago he married
a beautiful girl of Swansea
who was very poor & of such
low situation that it is said
she drove loaded asses - his in
=ducement was her beauty
innocence & disposition - a
little before I arrived at
Swansea he forsook her af
=ter enjoying the sweets of
matrimony for many years
unimbittered & though in
an advanced age eloped
from her with another
young damsel leaving his
lovely bride to mourn his
rascally derelictions -

Least I may forget I think
it necessary to note the following
few particulars respecting my
application to Edwin & subse
=quent performance. He
told me at first that I cd
not perform any of Shake
=speares Characters on acc
of a want of proper -

The much fam'd breed of Welsh ponies is now very much adulterated by the inter=mixture of foreign horses (I mean English &c). There are some few indeed of the original breed amongst the mountains of N Wales but very few if any in ~~South~~ of Wales the horses of which are ugly & inferior to the best of England

2 No other mode of conveyance as safe & convenient presenting itself he was sent down in the common stage waggon. What a long journey in so slowly moving a machine. In those days he must have been at least 2 weeks upon the road.

I do not know what were the immediate subjects of his study at this School.

reserved.

My uncle James Forbes was naturally from his infancy he discovered a great genius for drawing before he used the Pencil or his Parents judged it safe to let him have a pair of Scissars to cut out designs with, he tore Paper into the forms of Landscapes or whatever subjects of nature or art his fancy suggested. At seven years of age he was sent to a boarding School in the small & retired town of Labron in Wensly dale Yorkˢ.. – Far distant from London the dwelling place of his parents & friends, the centre of polished society, the mart of commerce, the seat of government, & in short the supreme of all the Capitals in Europe. – But it might have been to my uncle's tender mind & hidden genius portended prospects of happiness he could not enjoy in the scenes he had quitted.

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The Pine Martins are particu=larly common in Neath Valley It seems that Neath Abbey is occupied by colliers & other labourers in the works of Neath of a desperate class occupying even the dungeons &

The bones of the Cuttle fish sold by the Druggists are cast up in tolerable plenty on the beach of Swansea Bay

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The women [illegible] naturalities

The Pine Martin sometimes found in the pine forests of North Scotland I am told by Mr Dilwin are even very common in many parts of Glamorgan - Mr J Young a good Ornithologist told me he shot two very fine young ones in one day & although young & their skins were damaged by the shot he obtained 7/6 ea for them from a travelling hare skin man - There is here also in plenty - The sweet martin - Foumart - Stoat - Weasel & an animal of the weasel tribe which White describes under the name of Cane & it is very rare - Young who has killed one describes it to me as being of a complete red on the back duller coloured than the weasel white belly - dark mark behind the ears - short strait & bristly tail & the whole ngth never exceeding 5 inches -

292. The following is a certain
fact it was communicated to
my by a friend of the practi-
tioners (Mr Miller, - a practi-
tioner who resides in Swansea
had charged: an electrifying
machine very highly & left
it thus charged carelessly in
a parlour (or room which
was open to strangers a lady
& her maid came into the
room to wait for the Dr.
The maid happening to touch
the conductor a little un-
luckily instantly received
such a dreadful shock that
she miscarried on the
spot though a maid much
to her own confusion & sur-
prise of her mistress - she
was with child - Unlucky
business!!!!! ——

~~Curlews are very common in~~
~~Swansea bay particularly in the~~
~~winter. Mr Collins a Gentleman~~
~~of Swansea told me that as he was~~
~~one day walking along the shore he~~
~~saw a curious transaction between~~
~~a Curlew & a large hawk of a~~

~~species he was unacquainted with. The hawk had made one pounch at the poor Curlew & had wounded it but not prevented it from escaping under a large stone on the shore where it cried incess-ly with such a piteous note of distress that Mr C was induced to go to the spot - the Curlew was not entirely screened from the view of the hawk who continued to hover over it while the poor Curlew with its body only part concealed & its head [illegible] its approaching fate but so delighted was it with the approach of Mr C as a deliverer that it easily allowed itself to be taken up & after a little rest Mr C allowed it liberty~~

substantial Praise was founded upon his disinterested Integrity, his incorruptable heart, his unconquerable spirit of Independence, & his invariable Attachment to the Interest & Liberty of his Country.—

Voited Smollet.

An Ode on the Death of James Woodhouse Esq.r

Come pensive muse assist me, here to mourn
O'er Woodhouse tomb

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Spoonbill somtime, alleo in
Swansea Market

A short Description of Will.m Pitt late Earl of Chatham

Mr. Pitt had been originally designed for the Army, in which he actually bore a Commiſsion; but fate reserved him for a more important Station.

In point of Fortune he was barely quallified to be elected member of Parliament, when he obtained a seat in the house of Commons, where he soon outshone all his Compatriots.

He displayed a surprising extent & Precision of political Knowledge & irresistable Energy of Argument, & such power of Elocution as struck his hearers with Astonishment & Admiration. It flashed like the lightening of Heaven against the Ministers & Sons of Corruption, blasting where it smote, & withering the Nerves of Opposition: but his more substantial.

In one of Young's rambles he 295.
saw a Moor Buzzard seize a wea
=sel which instantly turned
round & fixed its gripe directly
in the center of the Buzzards
breast who distracted with ago
=ny immediately rose to a vast
height in the air (several hun
=dred feet) where after many
desperate efforts to disengage
its furious little prey it at length
effected it & the animal fell
to the ground — Young who saw
it falling instantly ran to
the spot but strange to re
=late — though it had fallen
at the least 300 feet & Young
arrived just as it fell it had
capacity to run off at speed
apparently unhurt —

Mr Young found a nest of the
Wryneck in an orchard at Hazell near
Bristol from which by taking
out an egg daily & leaving
one only in as a nest Egg he
obtained 28 eggs — L. W. Dillwyn

Mr D informs me he has seen the Spoon
=bill in Swansea bay — It has also
been seen in Gower by a Mr Lucas
who told Dr Turton

296. Mr D. has seen a flock of the Spotted Sandpiper near the mumbles Novr 17. 1802 –

The Dunlin is very common –

I saw the turnstone

Mr Edd. Young of Bristol saw a Cinereous Shrike with a mouse in its Mouth = Dilwin

Sea lark comn in Swansea Dilwin

Mr D. informs me that not only the poorer families use Turnspit dogs for the purposes of Cookery but the meat in the first families is roasted by them –

The Practitioner of whom I have noted the electrifying anecdote (P. 292.) proves to be one of the most diabolical wretches I have ever heard of Mr Dilwyn furnished me with the following circumstances as fact soon after the arrival of a Mr Davis a clergyman of Swansea Tom Williams the Dr in question waited upon him & gave him to understand that he cd not only cure him of the pox shd he ever acquire it but if he shd happen to get a poor girl with child he wd procure an immediate abortion observing at the same time

he was not by any means the first of his cloth for whom
he had done similar services which he proved by shew
ing him a list of all the men he had cured of the pox
& of all the girls & women (amongst whom were ladies
of Swansea a little to be suspected) for whom he had
procured instant abortions by means of electricity
- This miscreant dares not be left alone for a single
moment after it is dark - Upon acct of some will
or legacy he receives £50- for every child he has born
in Lawful wedlock the consequence of which is the
he has had 17 - out of which 14 have died before
they attained the age of three months for pretty ob
=vious reasons they were expensive to keep & in
consequence he poisoned them & the only reason per
haps why he does not kill his wife is that he has
annuity during her life & the hopes of more children
It is a well known fact that a few years ago
there was a woman who was in possession of suf
=ficient proofs of his many murders to hang him
the consequence of which was that he being

generally detested & hated in the neighbourhood this woman was on the point of declaring what se knew at the intreaty of the inhabitants when Williams striving by every means in his power to ingratiate himself in her favour at length effected it & the woman refused to tell what she had promised But though the safety of Williams required him to soothe over the only person in the world who cd materially injure him he well knew it was not safe for him to be in the power of such a person he therefore resolved in his own mind to put her out of the way in some feasible manner. One day meeting her in the street he accosted her in a familiar & remarkable tender manner but observed that he was sorry to see her look so very ill. She instantly replied that she was never better in her life. He assured her so positively that he saw symptoms of a dreadful fever strongly depicted in her appearance & pulse & that if it was not immediately checked she would be dead in a short time but that if she would take his advice & come to his house he would give her something that wd cure her in a few days entirely. The woman became alarmed & believed herself to be in the way he had mentioned listened to his advice went to his house took his medicine & died in 3 days. Thus he got rid of a person he dreaded as much as death

- "I do remember an apothecary &c to be quoted - He keeps a number of diseased whores in his service for the express purpose of poxing young men & sending them to him to be cured by whom he makes much money - In his back room where he gives his advice he has upwards of 50 children of various ages & shapes in bottles all of which are abortions caused by his infernal arts & which he shews to those who consult him as proofs of his abilities - His practice lies altogether amongst the lower classes of society & he has been more than once known to take the last loaf of a poor starved family whom he has left in the agonies of hunger for his fee - A beautiful young girl who was pregnant to a young man in the town applied to him & was immediately killed by him in obtaining an abortion. Strong suspicion falling upon the infernal wretch the body was dug up again after interment & was examined by skilful surgeons but sufficient proof of murder could not be obtained It is almost needless to state that the death of this girl had a most dreadful effect upon the young man the original cause who was most passionately fond of her. Another

300. anecdote & I have done a young man of considerable abilities without having studied the profession at all commenced apothecary & doctor in Swansea & in consequence of great application & good abilities he got so fast forward as to draw upon him the inveteracy of the faculty who threatened to proceed against him because he was not qualified by law to practice & were about putting the threat in execution when Williams one day called upon him & said that it was infamous to injure so worthy a young man with a great deal to that purpose & concluded by observing that he was come for the purpose of putting the young man in the way of avoiding the anger of the faculty The young man delighted with the apparent frankness & generosity of Williams thanked him most warmly for his kindness & begged to know what he had to offer. He proposed that the young practitioner should be bound apprentice to him for which he would take nothing & that then Nobody could prevent him from practising - The youth dreaming of no harm - immediately assented with joy & was bound the about 4 months afterwards - Willia discharged a Journeyman he

had 'till then employed & sent
a peremptory order to the young
Dr to come down immediately
to his house & officiate for Willis
according to his indentures. The
youth was astonished - concluded
it was a joke & went not. Ano
-ther order backed by a justice's
warrant came & the wretched
youth was taken from a beloved
wife & young family who were
in consequence left to starve
& hurried away - the youth re
-mained for some short time
in a state little to be envied
with his diabolical master
'till finding that his family
must be utterly ruined he offered
all the terms in his power
to the wretch Willis to give
up his indentures & horrid
to tell W - positively took all
the young man was worth
in the world to let him out
of the infernal snare he had
laid for him - Horrible Devil

Dillwyn gave me an horrid idea
of the trade carried on by the coun
-try justices here who would posi
-tively sell out a warrant agt
anything no matter what or
upon what plea - He gave
a ludicrous acct of one named
Pritchard who was many year

ago deputed by his brethren justices to go to London in order to present a certain petition to the House of Commons - Pritchard who (tho' in an advanced age) had scarcely been ten miles from home in the whole course of his life conceived a journey to London to be a more mighty undertaking than a Ca[illegible] a voyage round the world - made great preparations & amongst others prepared a complete suit of new clothes amongst which was a new pair of gallowses to hold up his breeches which gave rise a very laughable circumstance - When the chaise came to the door on the morning of his departure a number of his frds came to the door to see him off - His new gallowses nipping him rather tight whenever he lifted up his leg to get into the vehicle he imagined it to be the pulling back of his friends who did not wish to part with him in consequence of which he wept bitterly & ever & anon blubbered out that it was all for their good every time his gallowses twitched him. His London adventure with the whores who flattered him

It is a common practice in Swansea bay for the husbands to stand by their wives while bathing & the wives also stand in their turns to see the men.

Rock oisters & most other kinds of shell fish are found in great plenty in Swansea bay. Must be some marine animal that preys upon oisters in the sea since innumerable quantities of shells are cast up by the tide

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The rains assist the ravages of ye sea upon a flat, sandy coast very much by forming narrow but rapid torrents which run down to ye sea hollowing out large & deep channels which admit the ocean —

S The Rudiments of Latin
M
T & English Grammar
W by Dr Adam of Edin-
T
F is a most excellent work

I cannot help noticing the drink
S ing of Sir Gabriel Powel as
stated me by Mr Dillwyn
M who has frequently wit
T nessed it — after drinking as
much wine as they can stow
at Dinner they drink an equal
quantity of brandy & port boiled
up together with cayenne pep
-per — This liquor has an

appropriate name & is drunk scalding hot - These birds I ob-served as being very common at Franneal besides those already named

Herring Gull
Black Tern
Com: Tern
Less.r Tern
Whimbrel
Goatsucker
Wheat-ear

I know of no part of Great Britain where the peasantry are so picturesque as the Welsh - Their head dress crimson fringed cloak & linsey woolsey jerkin & petticoats generally of a bluish pattern give them a fine effect for groups in landscape painting

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The soldier or hermit crab is not accustomed to take possession of one kind of shell only I have frequently seen them (young ones) in periwinkles - I saw a little vagabond impertinent as it was young attack a periwinkle a little older than itself in its castle - fairly turn it out & occupy its abode

There are a vast number of sea urchins in this bay & I observed that during life they were universally furnished with strong spines curiously folded over each other having their sharp red points turned outwards as a defence. So soon as the fish was dead or had otherwise vacated the shell these spines either of themselves dropped off or were rubbed off by the friction of the water & sand. As there can be but little doubt that these spines are furnished by nature as a species of defence it be curious to know in what manner they are used - The Malay name for Tranquaf is Abee - Tuna being in English the mouth of the river. Tany boats are here sometimes as low as 4/6 per ton. It is a place well calculated for an extensive commercial mart which I have little doubt

Charles Courtney

Charles Alexander Courtney

Historic Gallery
Panorama —
Graves's pictures
Dine in Newman
After Din: write home
Saml. go to Camberwell into Holborn
After break: sees the
Gaurds exercise the
Music S^t.J.S. buys ca
of us a sword stick
Dines in Russel St
with Aunt Chot:
gets a running Co.
nest gin cup —
After dinner sees
Saml. off —
Uncle James drunk
tea in New St

it will soon be even now with the exception of a very few of our principal ports there is more shipping arrive & are cleared out than most port in the Kingdom - The town itself is very irregularly built & in general has a shabby appearance - At a rough calculation I suppose it contains from 4 to 5000 inhabitants & is generally reckond the best town in Wales The contry immediatelly in its vicinity is certainly very delightful & affords great variety of scenery

306 - The Welsh women have very round, flat faces & are in general very amorous —

However trivial errors may be when widely propagated it is necessary to remove them. It has been generally reported by some our most able tourists that the welsh women (in the south) universally ride astride - Now out of some thousands which I saw riding not one rode in this manner but on the contrary in a remarkable manner a side -

Both Mr Dillwyn & Mr Young informed me that the migration of Chaffinches as mentioned by White of Selborne takes place in the same manner in South Wales - The Squirrels taking away their young ones to be noticed - One with a white tail between Newport & New passage — The days of the Greeks to be noticed from that of Alcibiades

Expences on journey	14	—
A pair of birds eyes	1	—
Curlew	15	—
Transparency	2	—
Exeter change	2	6
Orleans Gallery	1	—
Catalogue		6
Rackstrows Museum	3	—
Leverian Do	1	—
J. Hall's Do. for Duke & I	1	—
For a Parcel from York	1	—
Peacock Grays inn lane	1	—
Tower	2	6
[illegible] Vaults	1	—
Play	3	6
Chamber Maid		6
Confectioner		6
Coffee &c	1	
Sadlers Wells	2	

Cornhill
Leadenhall St
Minories

Houndsditch
Bishopsgate St
Shoreditch
walked to Tottenham after dinner
Went to Meeting
met with Maria Barton
dined with P. Chester
Went to meeting in After
Drank tea at J. Horns
with Maria Barton

Dr D [illegible]
[illegible]
Apothecar
Jones
Post office Tottenham

Turnpits

Tower
on
Tower
hill

3. 6
2. 10.
7. 16

3. 7
2. 11

Tower 7-4

× Exeter change
Exhibition
× Hall preserver of bo
× Bayly toy of haymar
Miss Linwoods work
× Leverian Museum
British Museum
× Rackstrow's Do.
Stanmore
Uncle Thomas
One Jenny 3d
Barnett &c
Shakespeare's Gal
Vaults 2. 5

2. 3.

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16
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